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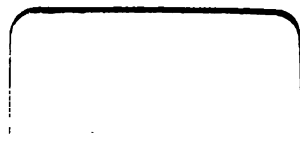
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PALMER GROUPS.

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FORE WORDS IN MELVILLE.

THIS surname, starting as Esmaleville or Malevilla, from a barony in the Pays de Caux, Normandy, France, and came to England when William de Smalavilla held lands in Suffolk, as was recorded in Domesday Book, 1086, has been variously written as Malavilla, Malvill, Meluin, Melville, Melvill, Melvin and many others, according to the various clerks and scribes, who inclined to spell as the name met their ears.

Roger de Malavilla, time of Henry I., witnessed a charter in Yorkshire and held a fief from William de Ros in 1165. Other branches were seated in Bucks and Scotland, where Geoffrey Melville was Grand Justiciary time of David I. whence Earls of Melville.

(The Norman People and their Desendants in Great Britain and United States.)

In Mid Lothian, Scotland, was established "a fief of one of the Norman adventurers in David I. which was called in Latin documents *Castellarum puel-larum*."

(Names in History.)

In the thirteenth century this name was known as Malavilla, meaning a bad township. By 1260, the families had become so numerous in Scotland that it was not easy to distinguish the separate branches.

(Baronage of Scotland, by Douglas.)

By king Malcolm Canmore, a grant was obtained in Mid Lothian, Fife, by the earliest of the name whose records were distinct, one Galfridus de Melville, who styled his estate "Castle Melville."

This Geoffrey Melville of the time of King David I., according to the Norman people, must have been one with this Galfridus de Malevill, recorded in the Letters and State Papers addressed to George, Earl of Mellville, 1689-91, as Galfridus de Malvill, who had received a royal grant under Malcolm IX. He lived through the reigns of David I., Malcolm IV. and William the Lion; he was Viceromes de Castlla Puellarum for Malcolm IV., and had the honor of being the first known justiciary of Scotland. He left three sons.

1. Gregory, whose line terminated in an heir female.

2. Philip, ancestor of the Melvilles of Glenberie; this branch terminated in the male line in 1468.

3. Walter de Melville, grandfather of Sir John Melville, who was one of the principal men of Scotland who agreed to the marriage of Queen Margaret with Prince Edward of England in 1290, and who swore fealty to Edward I. in 1296. His son Richard de Melville of Fife 1296 was ancestor of the line of Raith in Fife through John Melville, the younger, of Raith in Fife, who married Janet Bonar, whose eldest son was Sir John Melville, laird of Raith, or Melville of that ilk. He married (1) Margaret, daughter of John Wemyss of that ilk, and (2) Helen Napier of the family of Murchiston, and had a family of nine sons and three daughters. This Sir John was "early impressed by the principles of the Reformation and assimilated himself with the movement." During the minority of Queen Mary, he favored the uniting the two crowns by the marriage of Edward VI. and Mary, and while the two countries were at war he corresponded with his natural son, John Melville, then residing in England. One of these letters fell into the hands of the Scottish governor Arran, and in consequence Sir John was arrested for treason, imprisoned in the Tower, and was executed December 13, 1548.

His eldest son John, by the second wife, Helen Napier, succeeded to the family estate. Other sons were :

Sir James, of Halhill.

Sir Andrew, of Garvock, Master of the household of Queen Mary.

William Melville, Commendator of Tungland.

Captain David, of Newmill.

The third son, Sir James Melville (1535-1617) of Halhill in Fife, was appointed page to Queen Mary, she then being at the French Court. To her he went in the train of the Bishop of Valence, John de Montluc; James Melville became influential in the Court, was often entrusted with delicate diplomatic missions; was knighted by King James; married Christina Boswell, and died November 13, 1617, leaving one son James, who succeeded him.

Contemporaneous with Sir James, was Andrew Melville, the youngest son of Richard and Gills (Abercrombie) Melville, of Baldovie, Forfarshire, where he was born August 1, 1545, and was styled one of nine sons; but he, in one of his letters, spoke of his "fourteen brethren." His father was killed in the battle of Pinkie, his mother died soon after and he was given into the care of his eldest brother Richard (1522-1575), who had married Isabel Scrymgeour.

Andrew was graduated by St. Andrews, which he had entered in 1559, and his name was written on the matriculation papers as Andreas Malluile while he signed it Andreas Malvinus. In 1564 he went to France, perfected himself in the study of Greek, and was made regent of the College of St. Marceon Poitiers. During the seige of that town he effected his escape to Geneva, where Bera elected him to the Chair of Humanity. Early in 1573, he returned to Edinburgh, staying with his brother, Richard, and tutoring his nephew, whom the father gave wholly to

the charge of his Uncle Andrew, and from that period their lives were closely associated.

In the autumn of 1574, Andrew Melville became head of the University of Glasgow. Of this McCrie writes: "It was then that the literary history of Glasgow University properly begins." Andrew assimilated himself with ecclesiastical affairs and was a "prime mover in the steps by which the organization of the Scottish Church was cast in a Presbyterian mould."

In 1580, he was transferred, as principal, to St. Mary's at St. Andrew's College, and took his nephew James with him as professor of Oriental languages. Andrew denounced the doctrine of ecclesiastical supremacy in the person of the King James VI., or rather of the crown, and was appointed moderator of the committee who were to wait on the king with a remonstrance and a petition. In 1584, he was called up for alleged treasonable discourse in a sermon preached on a fast day, and was hidden by his friends until he could flee to the English Court, where he remained until the fall of Arran enabled him to return in safety to Scotland.

His controversies with the king led to his being summoned to England after James ascended the English throne, together with his nephew James. Both were condemned and Andrew was imprisoned in the Tower; at first he was denied the use of paper and ink, and he used the tongue of a shoe buckle to all but cover the walls of his room with his effusions.

The discipline was somewhat relaxed, and later the Duc de Bouillon, Henri de la Tour, procured his release so he might take a chair in the University of Sedan, France, whither he proceeded in 1611, and where he died, unmarried, in 1622.

His nephew, James, was twice married; first to Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. John Drury, a minister of Edinburgh, and second, to Deborah, daughter of Rev. Richard Clerke, about 1611; her father was Vi-

car at Berwick. By the first marriage James Melville had four sons:

Ephraim, a minister at Pittenweem.

Andrew, who died in infancy.

Andrew, who was a school master at Hoddesden.

John, a minister at Newton.

The second son of Sir John Melville, of Raith, first Lord Melville (1527-162-) was born in 1527, and was earl of the Court of the Dowager Queen, Mary of Guise, at the Court of Henry II. at France. He returned to Scotland in 1559 and immediately took active part in royal affairs. He opposed the marriage of Mary with Darnley and was obliged to flee to England; but Mary soon restored him to favor and elected him her resident at the English court. He was instrumental in the reconciliation between Mary and Earl of Moray. After Mary married Bothwell, Sir Robert was averse to the matter, but did his best to help in the turmoil, and Mary sent him to Elizabeth in the hopes he could make matters easy. About this time, Mary appointed him keeper of the Lithgow palace where he resided until 1587. When he left, Mary was a prisoner at Lochleven; he visited her there and endeavored to persuade her to give up Bothwell, asserting that if she would do so the nobles would relent, as they were determined on her dethronement if she persisted; as she did not, the nobles selected Melville to announce their decision anent the matter. In 1568 Mary escaped and Melville joined her, being present when she publicly revoked her deed of abdication, under the plea that it had been wrung from her by pressure. When Mary was held captive by Queen Elizabeth, Lord Melvill did all he could to bring friendly feelings between all concerned in that affair; that proving abortive, when the Queen's friends had recourse to arms, he joined forces with Kirkcaldy, of Grange, in this attempt to restore her

queenship; at the siege of Edinburgh Castle, was declared a traitor, and at the fall of the castle (1573) was captured and sent to prison; but Queen Elizabeth gave him her countenance after about a year of captivity and ordered his liberation. In 1580, through the friendly work of the Duke of Lennox, he was recalled to Scotland and was knighted in 1587. In 1583 he was appointed Privy Councillor. When Queen Mary was lying under "sentence of death, he was sent by James, along with the Master of Gray, to entreat Elizabeth to spare Mary's life, and he discharged his mission so fearlessly that Elizabeth threatened his own life, and, but for the Master of Gray, would have deprived him of liberty." James gave him several high offices, and one was as an extraordinary lord of sessions with the title of Lord of Murdocairnie, the name of his seat at Fife.

His long services were "recognized by his creation, April 1, 1616, as a baron of Parliament, with the title of Lord Melville of Monimail, a title derived from his estate of Monimail (now Melville) in Fife. He died December, 1621, aged 94 years." He had been married three times; first to Katherine, daughter of William Adamson, burgess of Craigeccrook; second, before 1593, to Lady Mary Leslie, daughter of Andrew, Lord of Rothes; she died in 1605, and he married Lady Jean Stewart, daughter of Robert, Earl of Orkney and widow of Patrick Leslie; she survived him; but he had one only son Robert, by the first wife, who alone survived him.

Cadets of this family settled along the eastern parts of the coast towns of Scotland and, for the four centuries intervening, their descendants have been multiplying and spreading over Fifeshire, while such of the people who migrated at about the period when John Melvin of Concord, New England, set forth, started from the places lying along the rivers Forth and Tay.

There was one cadet line which traced down to David Melville who took up land in Cape Cod, Mas-

sachusetts, at about the same time that John Melvin started for Charlestown in the same State. This David Melville branch retained the early spelling of the name, and had a prominent member in one Major Thomas Melville, of Revolutionary renown in Boston. This branch claims from a Robert Melville, who married Janet, relict of a Dr. Andrew Melville.

In the Carnbee and Dysart regions there was a long line of Melvilles bearing the prenomen John, ranging from a John who married Janet Scott, he being a son of Sir Richard Melville. Since a younger descendant of our John Melvin distinctly stated that his first New England ancestor came from Fifeshire, attention was turned to the special district, and an exhaustive search was determined. A prominent Scotch researcher and historian was directed to make such a page-to-page and town-to-town study that there would be no further discovery possible after he had gone over all known records. For three years or more this study had been prosecuted, resulting in a mass of well digested manuscript volumes, closely filled with extracts, involving minutes from Parish Registers, Allegations, deeds, wills, etc., etc.

One will seems, from the repetition of given names which were so closely followed in the American lines, to be suggestive of relationship. This was a will given by William Melville, of Dysart, eldest lawful son of Robert Melville, also of Dysart, with his spouse, Anna Carstairs. This William died January, 1684, and appointed his eldest son, David, as his executor, mentioning his second son, John Melville, to whom he gave two thousand markes; and also mentioned his lawful brother, James Melville.

Another possible ancestor was suggested in the Rev. Ephraim Melville of Pittenweem, since John of Concord named one of his own sons Ephraim, a rather unusual name in early Scottish times, and this Ephraim had a brother, Rev. John of Newton, Scotland.

As family characteristics are good hints for gene-

alogical investigation, a possible military ancestor was suggested, since the first New England John seemed to have been desirous of casting his fate in the army when he arrived; for he soon enlisted in the affray which called out Captain Scill's men and immediately took a second chance; but there was not sufficient army life in the new settlement to encourage making it a profession. This proclivity was always rife in his descendants. His two sons, Captain Eleazer and Captain David, rose to active part in the struggle with the Indians and their descendants have ever risen with occasion and shouldered the gun "when fields were won."

PREFACE.

"THE data of the genealogy of the Palmer families published in this book has been derived from records gathered during nearly forty years of work by Noyes F. Palmer, of 150 Snediker Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. They have been gone over by one of the most competent genealogists in the country, and in nearly every instance his original records have been confirmed as correct. When found in any particular to be incorrect, they have been corrected by the compiler, and the correct information has been added to the lines now in the hands of the gentleman named, and it is the desire of the publisher that any information desired, on Palmer or on lines collateral with Palmer, be obtained from the gentleman above referred to."

PALMER.

The compiler's work consisted of personal studies of county, town, church and cemetery records throughout New England, when wills and deeds were selected that best related and established the families, by which biographical and personal histories were arranged. After that, Mr. Noyes F. Palmer kindly allowed recourse to his bulky, scientific index of vital statistics to verify the arrangement and dates. Later still, comparison was made with Judge Richard A. Wheeler's more recent issue of Stonington genealogies. A like course was pursued in the work of gathering the New England Melvin data. Every place where a line had been located was personally studied, and when the records noted the Nova Scotia families, a trip was made to Halifax, Chester, and adjacent towns, where very satisfactory returns were made. In the Historical Society of Halifax the Diary of Rev. Mr. Seccomb and that of his daughter

were promptly shown, and found to give a full, even minute, account of the gathering of the families in Massachusetts which laid the foundation of the present attractive town of Chester, while Land Grants in the delightful office at Halifax gave most careful reports of each immigrant's holdings and the precise location—thus rendering most satisfactory returns to the searcher of those clear and carefully-written facts.

The Scotch Charitable Society even sent its manuscript books to the custody of the New England Genealogical Society, that, for a limited time, its whole history could be at the service of every interested student.

Like their co-evals, the Ulster County men, these Scotch forerunners always selected hill towns for their homesteads, and the study led into the mountainous, wooded heights of Western Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and through the ranges that make Western Connecticut a region of river valleys and forest-covered hills.

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FIRST GENERATION IN NEW ENGLAND.

WALTER PALMER.

THE first authentic record of Walter Palmer is found in Charlestown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. There are various traditions pertaining to his English home, chiefly pointing to some town or village in Nottinghamshire, and claiming Abraham Palmer as his brother. May 14, 1634, Abraham and Walter Palmer, both citizens of Charlestown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, were made freemen by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay.

In 1638, the first month, the 26th day, Abraham Palmer was chosen by the town "for keeping the Towne Booke, as also to Record all pprieties of Houses, Lands Meadow or Pastures as any Inhabitants of ye Towne are or shall bee possesst of according to an order of Court provided in y^t behalfe." This is followed by "1638, On the 28 day of the 1st month was taken A True Record of all such houses & lands as are Possessed by the Inhabitants of Charlestown whether by gift from the Towne or by allotments as they were divided amongst them by A Joynt Consent after General Court had settled their Bounds, by granting eight miles from the old Meeting house into the Contry Northwest Northly, etc, the bounds of s'd Towne Lying or being between Cambridge, alias New Towne, on the West South West & Boston Land on the East as it appd. upon Record by the sevel grants of Gen'l Court." In this "Book of Possessions," page 31, was recorded: "The Possessions of Walter Palmer within Charltowne." Two acres of land in the East Field, "butting south on the Back street," with a

dwelling house and "other aptinances, five acres of arable land, Milch cow commons six and a quarter, four acres, more or less, in the line field, eight acres of meadow lying in the Mystic Marshes, four acres of meadow lying in the Mystic meadows, five acres of woodland in Mystic field, five acres of meadow on the west of Mount Prospect, three acres of meadow on the north east of Mount Prospect, thirty acres of woodland, eighty-six acres of land scituate in the waterfield."

On the 6th, first month, 1637, there was the "First Division of lands on Mystic Syde Ten Acres to House, there of five acres were again resigned for the Accomodating of After Comers." In this division, both Walter Palmer and his son John received their proportion, about the year 1643. On the 24th day of the 8th month, the men who had agreed to found a new town, met in Weymouth, Suffolk County, Mass., to prepare for the settlement of a place which was to be at Seacuncke, considered at first to lie in Plymouth County, Mass., but later embraced in Bristol County, Mass. Among these was Walter Palmer and his friend William Cheseborough, whose fortunes he closely followed the rest of their lives.

The new planters proposed to start a township which should be independent of the other organizations until they could decide upon a government, but, in 1645, they were assigned to the jurisdiction of the Plymouth Colony, and hither Walter Palmer was sent to represent them at their General Court. This assignment was made by the "United Commissioners of the Two Colonies," *i.e.* Plymouth Colony and that of the Massachusetts Bay, and the name, Seacuncke, was changed to Rehoboth, which was selected by their pastor, Rev. Samuel Newman, for, said he, "the Lord hath made room for us" (History of Rehoboth, page 31).

During the year 1643, the proprietors of the new town agreed to give the value of their estates, that the allotment of land might be in proportion to their

ability, and Walter gave his estate as amounting to £419.

In the year 1645, young John Winthrop was commissioned by the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay to begin the settlement of New London, and he urged William Chesborough to take part in this. Whereupon, Chesborough journeyed from Rehoboth down through Connecticut to view the land. But, preferring that part of the Pequot country called "Wequetequoc," and supposing that it was a part of Massachusetts territory, he applied for and received a grant of three hundred acres of land, which was soon enlarged to two thousand two hundred and ninety-nine acres. He quickly induced Walter Palmer to join in this later enterprise. With his family, excepting his son, Jonas, Walter started for the south in 1652-3, buying land on the east bank of Wequetequoc Cove from Governor Haynes. This was found to cover a part of the tract which had been formerly sold to Thomas Minor, who had married Grace, a daughter of Walter Palmer, and came to Charlestown very soon after his father-in-law had settled there. Then the government made an agreement on July 15, 1653, that Palmer should give £100 for the place in such cattle as Thomas Minor should select out of Palmer's stock. This contract recognized the title to the house and land at first sold to Thomas Minor, the western boundary being the bank of the cove and the rivulet that emptied into that place. The rest of Walter Palmer's purchase was on the south of this and on the eastern slope of Togwonk, crossing Anguilla Brook. His whole tract was of about twelve hundred acres.

Until about 1654-5, the planters of this new town attended worship in New London, but the frequent rough weather, the difficulties of going such a long distance, being obliged to cross two rivers, made the people very desirous to hold a meeting in their own territory, and this gave rise to the contentions which

thus early begun, lasted for years, and involved them all in serious difficulties. Massachusetts did not wish to give up any claim to what she deemed her southern possessions, and Connecticut was equally anxious to own all the land that was so close to her holdings. Just then, Rev. William Thompson, of Braintree, Mass., a brother-in-law of Captain George Denison, a prominent settler in this town, started as a missionary to go amongst them to preach a part of the time to the Indians and the rest of the time to the planters. The first meeting he held was in the house of Walter Palmer, March 22, 1657, and after that in different houses.—(Stonington Church Records, page 30.)

This deepened the contest. Petitions were frequently sent to the Massachusetts Court, which ordered that of Connecticut to render reason for its unwarranted incursions. On June 30, 1658, the planters took matters in their own hands, founded the "Asotiation of Poquatuck Peple" and declared a kind of squatter sovereignty, regardless of either colony. Massachusetts sympathized with them, brought the subject before the Commissioners of the United Colonies who, in September, 1658, decided that all territory west of the Mystic river should belong to Connecticut, that on the east to Massachusetts. At the next meeting of the General Court, it was announced that this territory should be Suffolk County, Mass. (*i.e.* the English Plantation between the Mystic and the Pawcatuc rivers), and should be named Southerton; they appointed local officers and extended the bounds eight miles northward from the mouth of the Mystic.—(Stonington Church Bi-Centennial, page 35.)

Thereupon, the settlers busied themselves about their civic affairs, "raised a meeting house on May 13, 1661, and so far completed it that it was fit for use in September, when the Commissioners attended the religious worship, which was conducted by Major John Mason. But Connecticut was not satisfied with

this and, in 1659, brought the matter again before the Commissioners, who refused to alter their decision.—(*Ibid*, pages 35, 36.) In 1660-1, that part of Southerton now Westerly, R. I., was sold by Soso, an old Pequot captain, to a number of persons in Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth, Rhode Island, who immediately took possession and established a jurisdiction of that little State. Then Connecticut arose to a new struggle, but Governor John Winthrop, Junior, realizing that the reasonable way would be to relinquish his efforts to retain this remote land for the Massachusetts government and relegate to the neighboring territory of Connecticut, on April 23, 1662, obtained a charter from King Charles II. which established the eastern boundary at Pawcatuck river, thereby placing a large part of Southerton under the control of Connecticut, and the rest under Rhode Island. Massachusetts saw the need of yielding gracefully, and at the General Assembly of 1662, the new charter was publicly read to the assembled free-men of Connecticut and then became the law of that land.—(*Ibid*, page 38.)

In 1664, William Chesborough, on behalf of the planters of Southerton, read a petition at the beginning of the Assembly, asking pardon for past offences and favor for the future, which was granted to all save Captain George Denison. In 1665, the name of this place was again changed to that of Stonington, its territory was extended and Captain Denison was graciously forgiven.—(*Ibid*, page 39.) In 1668, an act for the census was passed; on this were the names of Moses, Benjamin and Gershom Palmer—Gershom signing for Mrs. Rebecca Palmer.

As Stonington was then in Suffolk County, Mass., when Walter Palmer drew his will, it is now to be found in Boston, and runs thus:—

"The last Will and Testament of Walter Palmer. May 19, 1658.

Imprimis. I give unto my son John a yoke of three years old steares and a horse. Item, to my daughter Grace twenty shillings. Item to all my grand children twenty shillings apiece. Item to my Sonne Jonas halfe the Planting Lott at y^e now meaddow River by Seacuncke & y^e Lott betweene John Butterworths according to the fower score pounds Estate & the use of halfe y^e housing & halfe of the whole ffarne for foure yeares. Item, I give to my Sonne William the other halfe of y^e same ffarne at Seacuncke forever and to take Robert Martin or some other skillfull man, & divide the housing & the whole ffarne into two equal pts & to take his owne & dispose of it as he pleaseth, I doe give him also a Mare with her foale two redd Oxen, and a paire of Steares of three yeare old apiece, fower lowes & a muskett with all such things as are his own allready. Item, the other halfe of the ffarne at Seacuncke I give to my Sonne Gershom for ever after the end tearme of fower yeares. Item, for all the rest of my Land goods & Chattells undisposed of I leave unto my Loving wife whome & with my Sonne Elihu I make my full executor to pay my debts & to bring up my children & to pay them theire portions as my Lands & Estate will beare, but in case my wife shall marry againe before my Children are brought up & their portions payed them my three sonnnes Elihu, Nehemiah & Moses to enter upon the ffarne & Estate & to pay unto their mother £10. p. annum during her natural life & y^e Land & Estate duly valued to be equally distributed among my Children, Elyhu Nehemiah Moses Benjamin Gershom Hanah & Rebecca with consideration of the tenn pounds yearely to be payed to theire mother out of y^e land but if my Loving wife pay theire portions according to theire discretion & my three Sonnes Elihu Nehemiah & Moses possess the Land they shall give twenty pounds apiece out of the Land to my Sonne Benjamin besides his mothers portion, in three yeares after they are possessed of the ffarne.

Wittnes hereof I hav sett to my hand the day & yeare above written.

WALTER PALMER.

in the presence of

William Cheseborough,
Samuel Cheseborough,
Nathaniel Cheseborough.

Sworn to February 25, 1661.

Memorandum. That if Elyhu Nehemiah & Moses decease before they hav any yeares Benjamin is to succeed in theire pt of y^e ffarne & to give to my daughter Elizabeth two Cowes.

Memorandum

that I give my Executors a yeares time for the payment of Legacies.

At the General Court heard May 11, 1662, the widow Palmer & Elihu by petition of Lieut. Richard Cooke. Court approved of y^e will."

Walter Palmer married (1) in England, Ann (called Elizabeth to distinguish her from her mother; authority of Mr. Fred Carlisle, Secretary of the Historical Society of Detroit, Michigan).

He married (2), probably in Roxbury, Mass., where she had been admitted a member of Rev. John Eliot's First Church, Rebecca Short. They joined the First Church of Charlestown in 1632, and his daughter, Grace Palmer, was admitted at the same date. He died in Stonington, November 19, 1661.

Children, by first wife:

2. i. Grace.
3. ii. John, d. unm.
4. iii. William, d. unm.
5. iv. Jonas.
6. v. Elizabeth.

Children, by Rebecca (Short) Palmer:

7. vi. Hannah, born June 16, 1634.
8. vii. Elihu, born January 24, 1636.
9. viii. Nehemiah, born November 27, 1637. --
10. ix. Moses, born April 6, 1640.
11. x. Benjamin, born 30, 3, 1642.
12. xi. Gershom.
13. xii. Rebecca.

THE SECOND GENERATION.

SECOND GENERATION.

2. GRACE PALMER, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Palmer, was born in England between the years 1608-10. She became a member of the First Church in Charlestown, Middlesex County, Mass., June 1, 1632, at the same time her father and step-mother united with it. She married, in Charlestown, Thomas Minor, who was born in Chew Magna, county Somerset, England, April 23, 1608, and was of the tenth generation in the Minor family. He came in the fleet which bore John Winthrop, future governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which put into port at Cape Ann, now Salem, Essex County, Mass., Saturday, June 12, 1630.

Thomas Minor received Lot 18 in the first division of land at Mystic Side, now Charlestown, on the sixth of the first month, 1637. His future father-in-law, Walter Palmer, receiving Lot 15.

From Charlestown, Thomas Minor migrated, first to Hingham, Plymouth County, where four children were born, thence to Stonington, New London County, Conn., where he bought a large tract of land lying on the borders of Wequetequack Cove, in 1652, whereon he built his house, having made a brief previous residence in Hingham, Plymouth County, Mass., going thence to New London in 1645, where he had a grant of one home lot and built a house, but sold the whole to settle at his final abode in Stonington, where he met with some difficulty, by the fact that a grant of three hundred acres of land from the town of New London to Governor Haynes, and sold by the latter to Walter Palmer, being found to cover Minor's lot. He, how-

ever, signed the conveyance, qualifying it by the reservation that he should inhabit the place until he should have time to erect another dwelling at Mistupet. He held a very prominent place in all the stirring events which ensued in the settlement of this plantation where he died October 23, 1690. She died October, 1690, and is said to have been born the same year as her husband.

A long stone of rough granite lies in the ancient burial ground at Wickulequack, almost buried in the turf beneath, and bears the following inscription:

"Here lyeth the body of Lieutenant Thomas
Minor, Aged Eighty three years, departed 1690."

They had children:

14. i. John Minor, born in Charlestown, 1636.
15. ii. Clement Minor, baptized in Hingham, March 4, 1638.
16. iii. Thomas Minor, baptized in Hingham, May 10, 1640.
17. iv. Ephraim Minor, baptized in Hingham, May 1, 1642.
18. v. Joseph Minor, baptized in Hingham, August 25, 1644.
19. vi. Manassah Minor, born in New London, April 23, 1647.
20. vii. Ann Minor, born in New London, April 28, 1649; died August 13, 1652.
21. viii. Maria Minor, born in New London, 1650; died in Stonington, January 24, 1666.
22. ix. Samuel Minor, born in New London, March 4, 1652.
23. x. Hannah Minor, born in Stonington, September 15, 1655.

3. JOHN^a PALMER, apparently the eldest son of Walter¹ Palmer, by the first wife, must have been born in 1617-8, as he gave his age on September 26, 1660, as forty-three years. He may have come with his father, as he was recorded in the Charlestown Book of Possessions as owning "ffoure acres of land in the Line Field, five acres of woodland in the Mystic Field, one acre of meadow in Wilson's Field, eleven acres in the Waterfield, the woodland butted by that of Walter Palmer." While, in turn, the land of Walter Palmer

was bounded on one side by that of Abraham Palmer. John Palmer's return of his possessions appears to have been made in 1638, as it ranges with those of that date. March, 1656-8, his name comes with those of the ten families which made a return for the division of the wood and common lots.

On the 20th of the 12th month, 1654, he sold to Richard Dexter, of Charlestown, five acres of arable land. On the 21st of the 1st month, 1660, he was overseer of the Cow Commons. There is no record of his marriage. His will is in the Middlesex Probate book, and runs:

"This is my will, bein at this time in my right mind, having my full strength and understanding, first I comitt my soul to God y^t gave it in a thought of Jesus Christ my blessed Redeemer and my body to y^e Earth, as for the good things of this world y^t God hath given me, I do dispose as followeth, first y^t I may have an honorable buriall according to my rank; secondly y^t y^e may be due care taken y^t all my debts be honestly pd. 3dly as for w^t doth remayne I do dispose of to my brother Jonas Palmer and make him full Executor. 4thly I giue my sister Elizabeth £15 in money wch I do order my brother Jonas to pay to her within one year after my decease. It is my mind if it please God to take me away in this sickness to give to Good wife Fosket my two oxen for her care and trouble. I do make Tho. Welch, jun., and Jno Call, sen., my overseers to see after y^e disposing of my Estate and for their pains I do give ym 3 pounds apiece, alsoe my mind is my brother Jonas should not sell any pt of my Estate without the Approbation of my overseers. This I do acknowledge May 26, 1677, to be my will, witness my hand.

JOHN PALMER.

Witness

Robert Leach

Jno Foskett, Jn.

It is also my desire y^t Goodm Leach and Goodm Foskett should care for my buriall if it should please God to take me away in this sickness and I order ym overseers to content ym to y^e full.

Cambridge 4, 7, 1677. Taken upon oath by Robt. Leach and Jno Foskett September 3, 1677. Inventory of John Palmer taken; he owned four books, a Bible, house lands, a horse and furniture for the horse if he comes safe to land."

4. WILLIAM^a PALMER, son of Walter¹ (and his first wife Elizabeth) Palmer, was admitted to the First Church at Charlestown, March 28, 1641. He remained with his brother, John Palmer, until after the death of their father, in Charlestown. He, soon after, sold the land his father had bequeathed him in Rehoboth and went to Stonington to reside with his brother-in-law, Thomas Minor, from June 18 until April 29, 1665, when he removed to Killingworth, Conn., where he bought a lot of land, or rather, received an allotment of land from the town. The time of his decease is not yet ascertained, but, by the disposition of his estate it is inferred that he had no wife at that time, as his brother, Gershom Palmer, on May 27, 1697, gave this deed:

"Know all men by these presents that while my brother, William Palmer, deceased, did give and bequeath to me his house and all his land at Killingworth forever, I settling one of my sons thereon, in compliance with my brother William's will, I order my eldest son, Gershom Palmer, to settle in the said house and upon said land."—(History of New London County, page 653.)

5. JONAS^a PALMER, son of Walter¹ and his first wife, came to Charlestown. By the terms of his father's will he inherited one half of the farm in Rehoboth, then in Plymouth County, now in Bristol County, Mass. His will is in Probate office at Taunton:

"I Jonas Palmer, of Rehoboth, county Bristol, of Massachusetts Bay, husbandman, being aged and weak of body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given unto God therefore, Calling unto mynd the Mortallity of my Body & Knowing this it is appointed for all men once to dye, Doe make & ordain this my last will and Testament. That is to say principally & first of all, I give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it And my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in Decent Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such wordly Estate wherewith

it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give Demise Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis It is my will that my Executor Do performe and fulfill what I am obliged and bound to do for my beloved wife, Abigail, by an agreement made between us before we were married. I give unto my beloved wife, Abigail, two bushell of Corn in Rye and Indian & three parts of butter and cheese and meal that shall be left in the house at my decease.

Item. I give unto my Eldest son, Samuel Palmer, to him and his heires and assignes forever all that my lots lying in Wathamokett Neck, about three or four acres, more or less and my son Samuel to have my best Coate and best hatt.

Item. I give to my Eldest son Samuel & to Ensigne Moses Read Whom I likewise Constitute make and ordain my sole Executors of this my last will & testament all & singular my home lott & barn by them Equally to be possessed and Enjoyed to them their heires & assignes for ever.

Item. I give unto my son Jonah Palmer all that my meadow lying below his house, bounding upon the Mill River to him his heires and assignes for Ever providing that my said son Jonah payes unto his sister Grace Carpenter Twenty shillings within a year after my Decease. Likewise I give unto my son Jonah one of my Coates Next the best.

Item. I give unto my three Eldest Daughters, vizt, Hannah Mary and Martha Twenty Shillings apiece or Each of them Twenty Shillings to be payd unto them within a year after my Decease by my Executors before mentioned out of my home lott.

Item, I give unto my Daughter Martha to her; her heires and assignes for Ever all that my Three square Pasture lying by Dear Hill being three acres more or Less. Provided she pay to her other three sisters (vizt.) to Hannah French ten shillings and to Mary Doggett ten shillings and to Grace Carpenter Twenty shillings to be payed to them within a year after my Decease.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Mary my Little Iron Pott & a great pewter platter.

Item. I give unto my Daughter Martha another platter.

Item. I give unto my Grand Child, Samuel Palmer, son of Samuel Palmer, my Bible & a Trammel and pott hangers.

Item. I give unto my son Jonah's three sons my Hatchett new howe & a pitchfork. Item. I give to Jonathan, Joseph Titus (my grand children) my Axe and long pitchfork. Item. I give to my Grand Child, Stephen Carpenter a heiffer and

two sheep & halfe the Increase of the sheep from the date hereof and my cloak. I give to my Grand Child Lidea Carpenter the Coverlid that her mother spun and my pillow bear and a pint Cup & my great Pott that belongs to the Pott and Trammels. I give my Grand Child Gershom Carpenter a sheep. Item. it is my will & I do give unto my four Daughters, viz. Hannah, Mary, Martha and Grace all my household Goods which are not already given and Disposed of before mentioned, to be Divided by them alike. Item. it is my will that Joseph Ormsbee shall have ten shillings and if I should live out this winter Ensuing he shall have something more for the help I have of him. And I do hereby utterly Disalow Revoke and Disannul all and Euery other Former Testament Wills Legacies and bequests, the Executors Rattifying & Confirming this & no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal the day and year first above written. Signed Sealed published pronounced & Declared by the said Jonah Palmer as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers

JONAH PALMER

Witnessed by
Daniel Carpenter,
John Ormsbee,
Preserved Abell.

Will sworn July 6, 1709."

Jonas (Jonah) Palmer married (1) in Rehoboth, May 3, 1655, Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Grissell (Griswold) of Charlestown, formerly of Cambridge, Mass.; she was buried in Rehoboth, February 11, 1691-2; he married (2) November 9, 1692, Abigail, widow of John Titus (née Carpenter), who died in Rehoboth, March 5, 1709; he died in Rehoboth, June 22, 1709.

Children by the first wife:

24. i. Hannah,* born November 8, 1657.
25. ii. Samuel, born November 22, 1659.
26. iii. Jonas, born March 29, 1662.
27. iv. Mary, born February 23, 1663.
28. v. Elizabeth.
29. vi. Martha, born July 6, 1666.
30. vii. Grace, born October 1, 1668.

6. ELIZABETH² PALMER, daughter of Walter¹ Palmer, by his first wife, whose name is by one authority said to have been Elizabeth, married before 1663, Thomas Sloan, of whom no records are learned; he died soon after their marriage and she married (2) October 26, 1677, Thomas Chapman, of whom no children are recorded.

7. HANNAH² PALMER, daughter of Walter and Rebecca (Short) Palmer, was born in Charlestown, Mass., and baptized in the First Church, June 15, 1643; she married (1) in Stonington, Conn., April 26, 1659, Thomas Hewitt or Huet, who established a West India trade, and in the year 1662 set out with a stock for trade in one of the coasting ships "and was never heard of more." In 1670 Mrs. Hannah Hewitt petitioned the General Court of Connecticut for liberty to re-marry, which was granted, and on December 27, 1671, she married Roger Sterry, who died before 1680, when she married (3) as his third wife, August 25, 1681, John Fish.

Children by Thomas Hewitt:

- 31. i. Thomas¹ Hewitt, born May 2, 1660.
- 32. ii. Benjamin Hewitt, born 1662.

Children by Roger Sterry:

- 33. iii. Hannah Sterry, born August 18, 1672.
- 34. iv. Samuel Sterry, born 1674.

8. ELIHU² PALMER, son of Walter¹ and Rebecca (Short) Palmer, was baptized in First Church in Charlestown, January 25, 1636. His will was burned in Arnold's raid on New London, September 6, 1781, and knowledge of it was made by a deed regarding land given his nephews by will, which his executors were to guard, 1658. He died in 1665, aged 29 years, and was buried in the Wequetequock cemetery.

9. NEHEMIAH² PALMER, son of Walter¹ and Rebecca (Short) Palmer, was born in Charlestown, November

23, 1637. The freeman's oath was administered to him by the Court at Hartford, Conn., May 10, 1666. From this time, he took a prominent place in the management of civil affairs in Stonington; was first elected deputy of the General Court of Connecticut on May 15, 1668, and was re-elected to that important position for fifteen sessions. May, 1681, he was one of a committee appointed "for hearings on the Indian question and to buy land from the Indians."—(Com. Colony Rec., first 4 vols.)

December 11, 1683, he bought one hundred acres of land from his brother, Benjamin Palmer, at Shownoak.—(Stonington Land Records, vol. 2, page 291.)

April 23, 1706, Nehemiah Palmer, in order to settle his sons and to prevent trouble among his children after his decease, gave a deed of one half of his land at home to his son Daniel "where I now dwell" with two acres of salt marsh to son Nehemiah; deeds the other half of all the home lands to son Joseph Palmer, if these sons promise to care for their mother "during her natural life," she to own the old house and one third of the income from the farm.—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 383.)

June 5, 1684, Nehemiah, Moses and Benjamin Palmer divided the land which "our father left for our mother to divide," but she did not; they agree to give five hundred acres to Gershom Palmer.—(*Ibid*, vol. 1, page 129.)

December 3, 1699, Nehemiah Palmer gave a deed of two hundred acres of land on Paucatauk river in Shoonuck of Stonington to his son Nehemiah.—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 183.)

In 1680, Nehemiah Palmer sold land willed to his wife by her father, Thomas Stanton, to Jeremiah and Thomas Hatch of Scituate and Thomas Rouse of Marshfield.—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 200.)

September 4, 1716, Nehemiah Palmer deeds to his grandsons, Nehemiah and David Palmer, because

they cared for him in his old age, one hundred acres of land near Mr. Billings's dwelling, they the two eldest sons of his son Daniel.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 163.) On the same date, he gave a deed of his twelve acre lot and fifty acre grant on the east side of Paucatuck river "not yet laid out" to his son Jonathan.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 164.)

In 1717, Nehemiah Palmer, Senior, gave a deed to his grandsons, Joseph, Benjamin and Gershom Palmer, of one half of all his home lands, to be divided according to their father's will, they to take possession immediately after his own decease, provided his son Daniel shall comfortably maintain his mother, and grant his brother, Jonathan Palmer, liberty to cut the salt grass.—(*Ibid*, vol 3, page 195.)

June 27, 1717, Nehemiah gave his son Daniel, "for his dutiful care of him," a deed of one half of all the lands at home "where I now dwell."—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 211.)

March 24, 1717-8, Daniel, Nehemiah, Ichabod, with his wife Hannah, all heirs of Nehemiah Palmer, deceased, gave a quit-claim deed to "our brother, Jonathan Palmer."—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 245.)

April 10, 1717, Mrs. Hannah Palmer, widow of Nehemiah Palmer, gave a deed to her son and daughter, Ichabod and Hannah, his wife, of all the goods and chattels in the house of her son Daniel Palmer, which were left to her by her deceased husband, together with one third of all the housings, barns, orchards and lands, to be theirs henceforth.—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 501.)

He married, in Stonington, November 20, 1662, Hannah Stanton, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Lord) Stanton, who was born in 1644, died in Stonington, October 17, 1717. He died in Stonington, February 17, 1717, aged 81 years, and was buried in the old burial ground on the east side of the head of Wequetequoc Cove; the inscription on the stone being still decipherable. She died October 17, 1727.

Nehemiah^s and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer had children:

35. i. Joseph,^s born October 3, 1663.
36. ii. Elihu, born March 12, 1666; d. y.
37. iii. Jonathan, born August 7, 1668.
38. iv. Daniel, born June 12, 1672.
39. v. Elihu, baptized December 14, 1674.
40. vi. Jonathan, baptized December 14, 1674.
41. vii. Nehemiah, baptized July 8, 1677.
42. viii. Hannah, baptized April 11, 1680.

10. MOSES^s PALMER, son of Walter¹ and Rebecca (Short) Palmer, was born in Charlestown, Mass., April 6, 1640. He took the freeman's oath at Hartford, Conn., in company with his brothers, Nehemiah, Benjamin and Gershom, May 10, 1666. June 5, 1684, he agreed upon a division of his father's lands which had been left for their mother's distribution, but which she neglected to do. February 12, 1677, one hundred acres of land were laid out to Moses Palmer in Stonington.—(Land Records, vol. 2, page 234.) He was one of the founders of the First Church in Stonington and one of its most efficient officers.

July 24, 1701, the will of Moses Palmer was exhibited at the Probate Court of New London; it was made December 16, 1700. In it, he said he was aged and weak. He gave his wife the use of the lower rooms in his new house, one third part of the household stuff, one third of the farm produce, etc. To his son Moses, the use of the upper rooms in this same house and the whole after his mother's decease. To his son John Palmer, the upper rooms in the old house, the lower rooms in this old house to be for his son Moses, the porch for their common use; but when Moses took the new house, then John was to hold the whole of the old home. He gave his daughter Dorothy six sheep, and legacies to his other two daughters, Amie and Rebecca.

Mrs. Dorothy Palmer's estate was administered July 19, 1717, by her son Moses.

Moses Palmer married, probably in Hartford, Dorothy Gilbert, a daughter of Captain John and Amy (Lord) Gilbert, whose baptism is not recorded with those of the other children of Captain John Gilbert in the First Church book of Hartford. She became a member of the First Church in Stonington at the time her third child was baptized. Moses Palmer died in Stonington, July 6, 1701; she died there April 10, 1717.

They had children:

43. i. Moses,² born October 29, 1673; baptized November 15, 1674.
44. ii. Dorothy, born August 11, 1675 (December 7).
45. iii. John, born September 1, 1677 (December 2, 1677).
46. iv. Amie, baptized April 25, 1680.
47. v. Rebecca, baptized April 30, 1682.

11. CAPTAIN BENJAMIN² PALMER, son of Walter¹ and Rebecca (Short) Palmer, was born in Charlestown, May 20, 1642. June 5, 1684, he, with his brothers, Nehemiah and Moses Palmer, agreed upon a division of the lands which their father left for their mother to allot, but, since she did not, they assigned a part of five hundred acres to their brother, Gershom Palmer. On December 11, 1683, Benjamin drew a deed of one hundred acres of land at Shownoak which he gave to his brother Nehemiah. On May 29, 1700, he deeded land at Palmer's Neck to Jonathan Palmer. May 22, 1703, Benjamin Palmer sold one hundred acres of land in Stonington to Henry Cobb and Samuel Hinckley of Barnstable, Barnstable County, Mass.

In the disturbance which resulted from the demands of the people of Rhode Island on the lands which were claimed by the Stonington citizens, Benjamin Palmer had a part. June 18, 1670, Nehemiah Palmer, constable *pro tem.* of Stonington, was sent by the Rhode Island Assembly to apprehend Thomas Stanton, Tobias Saunders and James Badcock, senior, as disturbers. "June 21, 1670, when we sent Benjamin Palmer to warn the people of Wickford, next Pettequamscutt, to

meet us at Captain Hudson's farm, he having taken two men with him to show the way, Thomas Mumford and some others met them on the road, pursued and took the two men that went with him. We then sent Captain George Denison and Captain Thomas Prentice to Petiquamscott to demand them." (Rhode Island Colonial Records, vol. 2, page 320-1.)

The following deed gives much for the personal history of Benjamin Palmer:

"To all People to whom These presents shall Come Greeting Know ye that I Benjamin Palmer, Junior of Stonington in ye County of New London and Colony of Connecticut Husbandman for and in Consideration of Love and Good Will and affection which I Doe bare Towards my Loving Nephews Daniel Palmer, Esq. and Moses Palmer Yeamon and my Loving Cousen Jonathan Palmer Junior all of ye afores'd Town have given and Granted and by these Presents Do freely Clearly and absolutely Give Grant unto ye aforesaid Daniel Palmer Moses Palmer and Jonathan Palmer, Their heirs, Executors Administrators and Assigns for Euer all and singular my Lands being and Lying in Stonington afores'd, viz: I giue to my Cousen Jonathan Palmer aforesaid six acres of Land Lying in ye Neck next adjoining his uncle Jonathan Palmer his Land, To enter upon and Take Possession off as a Proper heire when he comes to ye age of Twenty one years, and my Cousen Daniell Palmer and Moses Palmer afores'd to have ye Improvement of s'd Jonathan Palmer's Land till he Comes of age said six acres of land yt I Doe give To my Cousen Jonathan Palmer junior is to Run ye whole Breadth of my Land till ye six acres is up, Marsh and Upland, all ye Rest of my Lands I Doe giue to my Loving Nephews Daniel Palmer and Moses Palmer aforesaid, To be Equally Divided between themselves as they shall agree, and They ye aforesaid Daniell Palmer and Moses Palmer are to Take care of me and Provide for me Comfortably Dureing my Naturall Life and after my Death to burey me in a Christian and Decent manner, and from ye Date hereof ye aforesaid Daniell Palmer and Moses Palmer may enter upon and Take Possession as Proper Heires of all my Lands yt now is in my Possession or that Doth belong to me or yt shall foreuer hereafter Belong to me as a Good and Absolute Estate of inheritance in Fee Simple and hauing in myselfe Good Right and full power

To Giue Grant and Confirme s'd Premises in maner as above s'd and yt ye s'd Daniell Palmer and Moses Palmer theire heires and assigns shal and may foreuer here after by force and virtue of these Presents Lawfully and Quietly Hold Poses and Injoy ye afores'd Giuen and Granted Permisses, and in Witness that this is my free and Volluntary act and deed, I haue hereunto set my hand and seal this seventeenth Day of February one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen sixteen and in ye second year of ye Reign of our sovereign Lord George King ouer Great Britain France and Ireland, etc.

BENJAMIN PALMER.

Signed sealed and Deliuered
in ye Presents of

Ebenezer Searle
Sam'll Chessborough second
Benjamin Shaw

Mr. Benjamin Palmer
of Stonington the Subscriber
personally appeared and ac-
knowledged the aboue Writ-
ten Instrument to be his own
Voluntary act and Deed be-
fore me Nath'll Chesebrough,
Justice of Peace.

Stonington February ye 17th, 1715-6, The Testimony of William Willcocks, Benjamin Shaw and Joseph Palmer all of Stonington of ye County of New London, Being all of Lawfull age, Do Testifie and Say yt they saw Benjamin Palmer, junior of Stonington in ye County of New London afores'd Giue Possession By Turff and Twig, of all his Land in Stonington on ye Sixteenth Day of March one Thousand seven hundred and fifteen sixteen unto Daniell Palmer Esq. Moses Palmer and Jonathan Palmer, Junior of ye aboues'd town and county according to ye tenor of the aboue Written Deed of Gift; They being all satisfied yt ye aboue s'd Benjamin Palmer well understood what he did and further saith not.

William Willcocks Benjamin Shaw and Joseph Palmer all of Stonington Personally appeared and made an oath to the aboue written Testimony before me

NATHLL CHESBROUGH, Justice Peace.

Stonington March ye 16, 1715-6.

The above written Instrument Testimony and Affidavit etc.
ware Entered upon Record this 17 Day of March 1715-16
Pr me

ELNATHAN MINOR, Town Clerk."

"He married and brought his wife home (to Stonington) August 10th, 1691. The fact of this marriage appears in Thomas Minor's Diary, but who she was and where she came from does not appear." (Judge Wheeler's Address at the First Stonington Meeting, August 10, 1881.)

Benjamin Palmer died April 10, 1715-6, aged 74 years, and was buried at Wequetequock Cove, where the stone still stands. January 1, 1716-7, Moses Palmer paid his cousin, Daniel Palmer, sixteen pounds in money as a part of the legacy from their deceased uncle's estate.

12. GERSHOM² PALMER, son of Walter¹ and Rebecca (Short) Palmer, was baptized in Charlestown.

June 5, 1684, he received from his brothers, Nehemiah, Moses and Benjamin Palmer, five hundred acres of land in Stonington, as a part of their parents' estate. May 3, 1693, there was laid out to Lieutenant Gershom Palmer, first, fifty acres, then one hundred acres, and again another fifty acres.

May 6, 1706, Gershom Palmer gave "for love of his son Ichabod and for his wife and children, as his portion of his father's estate, land by the Mill Brook, in Stonington." (Deeds, vol. 2, page 301.) December 23, 1708, Gershom Palmer gave his sons, George and Walter, all his farm, they to allow him, for the rest of his natural life, one-third of the produce of the land, to dwell in the east end of his "now dwelling house" and they to fulfil the agreement he made with "his now wife" (*i.e.* the second wife) before their marriage. (Deeds, vol. 2, page 424.) This agreement was drawn up November 1, 1707, on the eve of his second marriage with the widow of Major Samuel Mason, but on June 16, 1718, he made another deed, in which he stated that he had, before marriage, agreed to give his wife twenty pounds before his own decease and that he had ordered his sons, George and Walter, to pay this, but, since he had been boarding his wife's two

daughters, Elizabeth and Hannah Mason, for some time, he had caused different arrangements to be made. (Deeds, vol. 2, page 447.)

November 20, 1711, there was laid out to Deacon Gershom Palmer, four hundred acres of land in the Purchase of Cattapeset, by virtue of eighty-six acres which were granted to Mrs. Anna Stanton, Robert and Samuel Stanton, Moses Palmer, deceased, Benjamin Palmer, Thomas Hewett, deceased, and James Dean. (*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 447.)

May 9, 1718, Deacon Gershom Palmer gave to his sons, Ichabod, William, George, Walter, a deed of three hundred and twenty-five acres of land at Puckhunganuck, during his life; after, to the sons of his son William, namely, William, Elihu and Wait Palmer, each one-fourth thereof, etc. (*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 261.)

Gershom Palmer married (1) in Stonington, November 28, 1667, Ann Denison, daughter of Captain George and Ann (Borodel) Denison. Her mother, Mrs. Ann (Borodel) was of a fine old English family, and from her Mrs. Palmer inherited such stately and gracious manners that she was commonly styled "Lady Ann." She was born May 20, 1649, died in Stonington, 1694; he married (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Mason; he died September 27, 1718. She was the widow of Major Samuel Mason of Stonington, her maiden name was Peck, and she was from the Rehoboth, Mass., family of that name.

Gershom and Ann Palmer had children:

48. i. Mercy,³ born in 1669.
49. ii. Gershom, baptized September 2, 1677.
50. iii. Ichabod, baptized September 2, 1677.
51. iv. William, baptized April 25, 1678.
52. v. George, baptized May 29, 1680.
53. vi. Rebecca, baptized 1682; d. y.
54. vii. Ann, baptized May 20, 1682.
55. viii. Walter, baptized June 7, 1685.
56. ix. Elihu, baptized May 6, 1688; d. y.
57. x. Mary, baptized June 8, 1690.
58. xi. Rebecca, baptized July 1, 1694.

13. REBECCA^a PALMER, daughter of Walter and Rebecca¹ (Short) Palmer was baptized in the First Church of Stonington, July 1, 1647. She married in Stonington, April 20, 1665, Elisha Chesbrough, a son of her father's most intimate friend, William Chesbrough; the father was born in old Boston, Lincolnshire, England, in 1594, married there, December 6, 1620, Anna Stevenson, and they came in the fleet with Governor John Winthrop, 1630, first settling in Boston, then removing to Braintree, thence to Rehoboth, and finally to Stonington, where William Chesbrough took a very active and prominent part in all civic affairs. Elisha Chesbrough was baptized in Boston, Massachusetts, June 4, 1637, died in Stonington, September 1, 1670; she married (2) July 24, 1672, John Baldwin of New London, as his second wife; he died in New London, August 19, 1683; she outlived him about thirty years and died May 2, 1713; after the second marriage they settled in Stonington, where she owned a large tract of land.

Child, by the first husband:

59. i. Elisha^a Chesbrough, Junior, born December 3, 1668.

Children, by the second husband:

60. ii. Rebecca Baldwin, born May 20, 1673.

61. iii. Mary Baldwin, born February 24, 1675.

62. iv. Sylvester Baldwin, born March 4, 1677.

63. v. Sarah Baldwin, born March, 1679.

64. vi. Jane Baldwin, born April, 1681.

65. vii. Theophilus Baldwin, born June, 1683.

(Baldwin Genealogy.)

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23. HANNAH³ PALMER, daughter of Jonas² (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Grissell) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., November 8, 1657. She married in Rehoboth, November 27, 1676, John French, son of John and Freedom (Kingsley) French, who was born in 1655, died in Rehoboth, Bristol County, Mass., June 10, 1709.

They had children, born in Rehoboth:

67. i. Hannah⁴ French, born October, 19, 1679.
68. ii. John French, born April 13, 1681.
69. iii. Mary French, born March 15, 1683-4.
70. iv. Elizabeth French, born January 19, 1684-5.
71. v. Martha French, born March 28, 1688.
72. vi. Samuel French, born March 30, 1690.
73. vii. Jonathan French, born November 17, 1693.
74. viii. Thomas French, born September 6, 1696.
75. ix. Ephraim French, born January 22, 1698-9.

24. SAMUEL³ PALMER, son of Jonas² (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Grissell) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, November 20, 1659. He served under Major William Bradford in the Narraganset Swamp fight, in 1676. In 1701, with John Ormsby, Daniel and Nathaniel Fuller, all of Rehoboth, he bought land in Windham, Windham County, Connecticut, of Isaac Magoun, a Scotchman, who had purchased a large tract by Merrick's Brook, which, from his native country, he named Scotland, lying in the unsettled part of the township of Winham. March 17, 1702, Samuel Palmer sold to Deacon Samuel Newman, of Rehoboth, his own house, barn, orchards, home lot,

all of forty-three acres, together with six and one-half acres of his west pasture, sixteen acres at Watchamocket Neck, two and a half acres of salt marsh, one acre of swamp land (Bristol County deeds, Vol. 37, p. 112). In 1702, Josiah Kinsley and Josiah Palmer, both of Rehoboth, bought land in Windham.

Samuel Palmer's will is on record in Willimantic, and is as follows :

"In the name of God, Amen. Ye 11th day of July, Anno Domini, 1728, I, Samuel Palmer, of Windham, County of Windham, Colony of Connecticut, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be guien to God therefore, taking to mind ye mortality of my body & that it is appointed for all men once to Dye, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament. That is to say, Principally and first of all I Giue & Recommend my Soul into ye Hands of God who gaue it & my Body I recommend to ye Earth to be Buried in decent Christian burial at ye Discretion of my Executor. Nothing doubting but at ye General Resurrection I shall receiue the same again by ye mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I Giue Demise & Dispose of ye same in the following manner & form.

Imp. I hauing formerly Gieuen to my Son Samuel Palmer a Tract of Land and other Goods I now Gieue & Bequeath to him twenty shillings In or as money, to be paid him out of my Estate by my Executor hereafter named wch shall be his portion in full.

It. I Haueing formarly Gieuen to my Son Seth Palmer a Tract of Land I now Gieue and Bequeath unto him & to his heirs & assigns for Euer al that my half of ye lott of land that I Bought of Mr. Samuel Whiting Caled ye mill lot & also my half part of ye Corne Mill & privileges Thereunto belonging and one half of all my other lands and half my Dwelling house & Barn where I now dwell.

Item. I Gieue & Bequeath to my son Eleazer Palmer ye other half of my Dwelling House & Barn & also ye moiety or half Part of all ye Remainder of my land and meadow not before disposed of, to him Eleazer Palmer.

Item. I Gieue & Bequeath to my well beloued wife Ann one Part of all my goods, money & moueable Effects to her foreuer and the use or improuement of one Rome in ye Dwell-

ing Howse & half ye Celar and ye maintenance of one Good Cow Duering her natural life.

Item. I Gieue & Bequeath to my daughter Mary Abbe, ye wife of John Abbe with what I haue formally gieuen her ye sum of fifty pounds & what I shall Gieue to her before my Decease to be Acknowledged as part & parcel of ye fifty pounds.

Item. I Gieue & Bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Palmer fifty pounds in or as money to be taken out of my Estate and what I have formally and what I shall gieue to her before my Decease to be Acknowledged as part and parcel of the fifty pounds.

Item. I Gieue & Bequeath to my daughter Mercy Palmer fifty pounds in or as money to be taken out of my Estate and what I haue formerly and what I shall gieue to her before my Decease to be Acknowledged as part & parcel of the fifty pounds.

Item. I Gieue & Bequeath to my daughter Mehitable Palmer one Quarter part of ye remaining two thirds of my moveable effects and whereas she the said Mehitable is weak and infirm of body and likely to Continue so. Therefore my Will is that my Executors hereafter named are to allow her to live in my now dwelling house and they my Executors are to support her with Food and Raiment Convenient for her During her Continuing a single woman or unmarried (that is to say) so much as she shall want more than she can provide for herself and if she should marry then my will is that my Executors shall pay Hur so much as ye Quarter part of ye moveables aforesaid shal fal out to be under ye sum of fifty pounds.

and I hereby make and ordain my aforesaid sons Seth Palmer and Eleazer Palmer my Executors of this my will and Testament and do gieue to them all my Goods and moveables Effects and land not before gieuen and hereby order them to pay all my just debts and legacies to my Daughters before mentioned That shall be Dew and unpaid at my Decease and I hereby ordain them to keep and maintain a good Cow to ye use of my afore mentioned beloued wife Ann during her natural life and I do hereby disallow " etc.

SAMUEL PALMER.

Witnesses.

Benjamin Scott,
Soloman Huntington,
Richard Abbe."

This will was carried into Court, December 15, 1743. Samuel Palmer married, in Rehoboth, 12, 29, 1680, Elizabeth Kinsley, who was born in Rehoboth, January 29, 1662, a daughter of Eldad and Mehitabel (French) Kinsley; she died in Windham, May 16, 1717; he married (2), December 6, 1727, Ann Durgy, who died February 17, 1761, aged 80 years; he died in Windham, November 18, 1743, aged 84 years.

Samuel and Elizabeth (Kinsley) Palmer had children:

76. i. John⁴, born in Rehoboth, March 25, 1682; died January 5, 1683.
77. ii. Samuel, born in Rehoboth, January 4, 1683.
78. iii. John, twin with Samuel, buried in Rehoboth, July 15, 1683.
79. iv. Mehitabel, born April 11, 1686.
80. v. Nehemiah, born March 11, 1688-9.
81. vi. Benoni, born July 27, 1690; buried July 28, 1690.
82. vii. Mary, born December 17, 1691.
83. viii. Seth, born April 11, 1694.
84. ix. Elizabeth, born February 6, 1695-6.
85. x. Ebenezer, born October 21, 1699.
86. xi. Mercy, born January 17, 1700-1, baptized in Newport, R. I., by the Rev. Mr. Newman, February 2, 1700-1.
87. xii. Eleazer, born June 10, 1702.

26. JONAS³ PALMER, son of Jonas² (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Grissell) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, March 29, 1662. He was settled in Windham, where he owned several tracts of land, and where his will was written thus :

"In the name of God, Amen. This 10 day of September in ye year of our Lord 1730 I, Jonah Palmer of Windham in ye County of Windham, Colony of Connecticut, in New England, being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be to God therefore, taking to mind ye mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to dy do make this my last will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I Give and Recomend my soul into the

hands of God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to ye Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at ye discretion of my Exector, nothing doubting but at ye General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by ye mighty power of God and as touching such worldly goods and estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me in this Life, I Give demise and dispose of ye same in ye following manner and form.

Imprimis, I give to my son Jonathan Palmer 5 shillings in money To be tould out of my Estate and one third part of my Waring Appariel except my loose Coat, I having formerly given him the rest of his portion.

Item. I give my son Gershom Palmer al ye use or Improvement due to me on a bond of twenty pounds with one third part of my Waring appareil excepting ye aforesaid coat, I having before Giuen him ye rest of his portion out of my estate.

Item. I give my son Elihu Palmer my Cart and Wheels and my plough and draught chain and one third part of my waring apareil and ye whole of my loose Coat and five shilling besides what I have formerly given him.

Item. I give my grand children, Ruth Reed, Mehitable Reed, Joshua Reed, Solomon Reed, Hezekiah Reed and David Reed one quarter part of all my land and meadow, with one Quarter part of my interest in the Grist mill in said town with the use and priveledges thareof with one Quarter part of my Goods, debts and mouable effects not before Giuen, to be Equally divided among them. If Either of them should dye before he or they come of age, then to be divided among ye survivors.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Spencer, ye wife of John Spencer one quarter part of all my land and meadow grist mill and one Quarter part of my Goods debts moveable effects as aforesaid.

Item. I Give to my daughter Hannah Reed, ye wife of John Reed one Quarter part of all my land meadow grist mill and one Quarter part of my goods debts and moveable effects.

Item. I give my daughter Deborah Palmer ye other quarter part of my land meadow and Grist mill and Goods debts and moveable effects.

And I do hereby constitute make and ordain my well beloved son-in-law John Spencer of said town to be my Executor. . . . Whereof I have hear unto set my hand and seal ye day and year above written.

JOHN PALMER

Witness.

John Fitch, Jeremiah Ripley, Richard Abbe.
Sworn October 5, 1730."

Jonas Palmer married in Rehoboth, May 28, 1689, Elizabeth Kenrick, a daughter of George and Ruth (Bowen) Kenrick, who was born in Rehoboth September 12, 1661, died in Windham, August 5, 1725, aged 63 years; he died in Windham, September 19, 1730, aged 68 years.

They had Children :

88. i. Rebecca,⁴ born February 29, 1689.
89. ii. Elizabeth, born September, 14, 1691.
90. iii. Jonathan, born March 20, 1692-3.
91. iv. Gershom, born November 14, 1694.
92. v. Hannah, born April 28, 1696.
93. vi. Ruth, born March 27, 1698, died in Windham, November 16, 1711.
94. vii. Elihu, born January 19, 1699-1700.

27. MARY³ PALMER, daughter of Jonas² (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Grissell) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, February 23, 1663. She married in Rehoboth, February 14, 1688-9, Joseph Doggett, son of John and Anna (Sutton) Doggett, who was born in Rehoboth "on the middle of November," 1657. He served in King Philip's war; was a wheelwright, a miller, and practised medicine. He was one of the few men who received the right to search for minerals at Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard, the usual custom being for the Crown of England to reserve to itself all right to all mineral wealth which was then supposed to be abundant in the new colonies. Joseph Doggett died in Rehoboth, January 9, 1727; she died there April 15, 1757, in her 94th year.

They had children:

95. i. John⁴ Doggett, born January 19, 1689-90.
96. ii. Mary Doggett, born August 30, 1692-3.
97. iii. Hannah Doggett, born November 20, 1695.
98. iv. Joseph Doggett, born June 13, 1697.
99. v. Heseby Doggett, born September 29, 1701.
100. vi. Martha Doggett, born September 29, 1701, twin with Heseby.

101. vii. Israel Doggett, born March 20, 1703-4.

[Doggett Genealogy.]

29. MARTHA³ PALMER, daughter of Jonas² (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Grissell) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, July 6, 1666. She married in Rehoboth, January 19, 1687-8, Joseph Titus, son of John and Abigail (Carpenter) Titus, who was born in Rehoboth, March 17, 1666, died —; she died September 18, 1762, in her 74th year.

They had children :

- 102. i. Joseph⁴ Titus, born November 19, 1688.
- 103. ii. Jonah Titus, born June 19, 1689.
- 104. iii. Benjamin Titus, born December 14, 1693.
- 105. iv. Noah Titus, born April 22, 1696, died June 8, 1733.
- 106. v. Martha Titus, born December 20, 1698, died February 13, 1736-7.
- 107. vi. Mary Titus, born September 13, 1701.
- 108. vii. Lydia Titus, born September 16, 1703.
- 109. viii. Abigail Titus, born November 23, 1706.
- 110. ix. Phebe Titus, born May 9, 1709.

30. GRACE³ PALMER, daughter of Jonas² (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Grissell) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, October 1, 1668. She married there April 15, 1695, James Carpenter, son of Samuel and Sarah (Readway) Carpenter, who was born in Rehoboth, April 12, 1668 (she was his second wife). He died in Rehoboth, in 1738.

They had children :

- 111. i. Rachel⁴ Carpenter, born October 25, 1698.
- 112. ii. Lydia Carpenter, born April 30, 1700.
- 113. iii. Gershom Carpenter, born November 1, 1702; died December 5, 1724.
- 114. iv. Ebenezer Carpenter, born July 21, 1708.
- 115. v. Joanna Carpenter, born July 17, 1713.

35. LIEUTENANT JOSEPH³ PALMER, son of Nehemiah² (*Walter*¹) and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, was

born in Stonington, October 3, 1663. April 22, 1706, his father, "in order to settle his estate, his sons in life and to prevent trouble after he was gone," made out deeds of his property, in which he gave his son, Daniel Palmer, one half of all his lands "at home, where I now dwell," with two acres of salt grass to his son, Nehemiah. He gave his son, Joseph, the other half of all the home lands with the proviso that these two sons should care for their mother, who was to hold the old house and receive one third of the income from all the farm products; Joseph to own the house where his father then dwelt. (Deeds, vol. 2, p. 385.)

Joseph Palmer drew his will January 9, 1709. In it he bequeathed to his wife, Frances, one-third of the house stuff, one-third part of the lands. Son Joseph to have the housing; the land was divided between the sons; the daughters, Hannah and Sarah, to receive ten pounds each; more than his sons.

Joseph Palmer married in Stonington, March 12, 1687, Frances Prentice, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Jackson) Prentice, who came to Stonington from Newton, Middlesex County, Mass. Joseph Palmer died January, 31, 1710.

They had children:

116. i. A son,⁴ who died in 1688.
117. ii. A son, who died in 1689.
118. iii. Joseph, born March 14, 1690.
119. iv. A daughter, who died in 1692.
120. v. Hannah, born May 31, 1694.
121. vi. Benjamin, born March 18, 1696.
122. vii. Sarah, born April 3, 1698.
123. viii. Jonathan, born May 2, 1702.

37. JONATHAN³PALMER, son of Nehemiah² (*Walter*¹) and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 7, 1668. February 17, 1715-6, Benjamin Palmer gave "to my cousin, Jonathan Palmer, junior, six acres of land lying in the Neck, by the land of his uncle Jonathan Palmer, he to possess it when he

arrives at the age of twenty one years."—(Land Records, vol. 3, page 144.)

September 4, 1716, Nehemiah Palmer gave his son, Jonathan Palmer, "my twelve acre lot and the fifty acre grant of land on the east side of the Pawcatuck river which contains land not yet laid out."—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 164.)

March 24, 1717-8, Daniel, Nehemiah, Ichabod and his wife Hannah Palmer, all heirs to Nehemiah Palmer, deceased, made out a quit-claim deed of all their rights in their father's estate, to their brother, Jonathan Palmer.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 245.)

November 11, 1748, William Herrick with his wife Marcy of Preston, Conn., Jonathan and Love Shepherd of Killingly, Conn., Henry and Irene Rowling (Rowland), Matthew and Elizabeth Dorr of Lyme, Conn., together with Hannah Palmer, "spinster," of Stonington, gave a quit-claim to their brother, Jonathan Palmer, of all their rights to the land lying on the east side of the Pawcatuck river, which were a part of the estate of "our parents, Jonathan and Marcy Palmer, both deceased."—(*Ibid*, vol. 7, page 222.)

Jonathan Palmer's will was drawn June 24, 1726. In it he states that he was very ill; gave his wife, Mercy, one-third of his housings and his personal estate; Judith, Mercy, Sarah, Ana, Jerusha, Love, Prudence and Elizabeth, his daughters, were each to receive fifty pounds, all under eighteen years of age; his son, Jonathan, was to receive one half of the lands when he came of age; his son, Oliver, to have the other half when of age. The will was entered October 21, 1726. Jonathan Palmer married in Stonington, December 1, 1706, Mercy (written Marcy) Manwaring, daughter of Oliver and Hannah (Raymond) Manwaring; he died in Stonington, August 26, 1726.

They had children:

124. i. Judith,⁴ born January 2, 1706-7.
125. ii. Marcy (Mercy), born February 27, 1708-9.
126. iii. Hannah, born December 2, 1710-11.

- 127. iv. Anna, born May 26, 1713.
- 128. v. Irene, born March 26, 1715.
- 129. vi. Love, born March 26, 1717.
- 130. vii. Prudence, born March 31, 1718-9.
- 131. viii. Jonathan, born December 23, 1720.
- 132. ix. Oliver, born May 7, 1722.
- 133. x. Elizabeth, born November 28, 1724.

38. JUSTICE DANIEL³ PALMER, son of Nehemiah² (*Walter*¹) and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, was born June 12, 1672. June 27, 1717, his father gave him "for his dutiful care of me, one half of all the lands at home where I now dwell."—(Land Records, vol. 3, page 211.) April 14, 1720, Nehemiah Smith of Groton, Conn., made over to his "son-in-law, Daniel Palmer and my daughter Margaret, his wife," both of Stonington, a lot of six acres of land in Voluntown, Windham County, Conn.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 338.) In 1722-3, there was laid out to Daniel Palmer fifty acres of land which was formerly owned by Captain James Pendleton.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 410.)

October, 1724, he was appointed a Commissioner to determine the dispute with the people of Rhode Island. He annually received the appointment of justice of the peace for more than fifteen years. November, 1719, was a member of the Council. May, 1728, was again elected a Commissioner on the Rhode Island boundary dispute. He was repeatedly returned as a deputy to the Connecticut Assembly.

January 29, 1727-8, he gave his son, Nehemiah, land at Puckhunganuck which his grandfather, Nehemiah, "deed to me on September 4, 1716," and also land near Weaquatoquock, twenty acres, lying by land of Moses Palmer, together with the east end of "my dwelling house, the lower room chamber over that and the garret above that."—(*Ibid*, vol. 4, page 117.) December 21, 1750, he made a deed of gift to his sons Nehemiah, Nathan, Rufus and James, of all his own lands, buildings, lying south of the country

road, east of Wequetoquock brook, west of the sea and west of Pawcatuck river; to his son Nehemiah two-fifths or a double portion with "the twenty acres. I gave him by a deed of February 29, 1727, one half of the house I now live in and the east part of the barn; to his son Nathan the house where he now dwells, which is one-fifth of my estate; to his son Rufus and to son James, one half of "my now dwelling house, the west end and the west part of the barn, etc., which will be one-fifth part."—(*Ibid*, vol. 6, page 198.)

May 12, 1747, he made his will; gave his son Daniel the whole fifty acres "where he now dwells" and a negro girl. To daughter, Rebecca Fish, a negro girl. Nehemiah the east part of the dwelling house, and the wife Mary to enjoy the other rooms; Rufus and James were to own the other half of the rooms. To son Nehemiah, a double share and land on the hill which I received from my father, Nehemiah, and my uncle, Benjamin Palmer. His sons Nathan, Nehemiah, Rufus and James were each to have a negro girl or boy.

Daniel Palmer married March 25, 1700–1, Margaret Smith, a daughter of Nehemiah Smith. (Records of Stonington state that she was from New London, but a deed from her father says he was of Groton.) She died in Stonington, June 4, 1726; he married (2) January 12, 1732, Mrs. Mary Denison, daughter of John and Abigail (Chesborough) Avery, widow of William Denison, who was born November 14, 1680, and was 52 years old at time of her marriage to Daniel Palmer; he died February 28, 1762; she died in 1762.

They had children:

134. i. Nehemiah,⁴ born April 9, 1702.
135. ii. Daniel, born June 10, 1704.
136. iii. Samuel, born April 7, 1707; died August 5, 1727.
137. iv. Nathan, born October 26, 1711.
138. v. Rufus, born October 7, 1713.
139. vi. Huldah, born November 15, 1715; died July 25, 1727.

- 140. vii. Lydia, born August 16, 1718; died June 25, 1727.
- 141. viii. James, born July 18, 1720.
- 142. ix. Rebecca, born April 13, 1725.

41. NEHEMIAH³ PALMER, son of Nehemiah² (*Walter*¹) and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, was baptized July 8, 1677. He married in Stonington, January 17, 1700, Jerusha Saxton, a daughter of Captain Joseph and Hannah (Denison) Saxton, who was baptized December 2, 1683; after Nehemiah Palmer died she married (2) December 29, 1735, James Dean.

They had children:

- 143. i. Saxton,⁴ born November 29, 1700.
- 144. ii. Thomas, born July 7, 1703.
- 145. iii. Jerusha, born April 30, 1705.
- 146. iv. Nehemiah, born February 4, 1707.
- 147. v. Stephen, born May 1, 1709.
- 148. vi. Abijah, born September 29, 1712.
- 149. vii. Thankful, born April 23, 1714.
- 150. viii. David, born December 22, 1717.
- 151. ix. Mary, baptized July 13, 1718.
- 152. x. Bridget, born April 8, 1721.

42. HANNAH³ PALMER, daughter of Nehemiah² (*Walter*¹) and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, was baptized April 11, 1680. On March 24, 1717, she, as one of the heirs of Nehemiah Palmer, deceased, gave a quit-claim deed to her brother, Jonathan Palmer.

Hannah Palmer married in 1698, Captain Ichabod Palmer, her own cousin and a son of Gershom and Ann (Denison) Palmer.

43. MOSES³ PALMER, son of Moses² (*Walter*¹) and Dorothy (Gilbert) Palmer was born in Stonington, October 29, 1673. On February 13, 1737, Moses Palmer gave a deed of two parcels of land in Stonington "together with the great chamber in my dwelling house," to his son, Jonathan Palmer. (Land rec-

ords, vol. 4, p. 108.) May 10, 1734, Moses Palmer gave a deed to his son-in-law, Abijah Palmer, and his wife Dorothy, daughter of Moses, as a part of her future legacy, fifteen acres of land at Mile Brook Hill. May 13, 1734, he gave them another deed, on the receipt from them of eighty pounds, of eight acres of land at Mile Brook Hill. At the same date, he gave his son John a deed of land on Mile Brook Hill (*Ibid*, vol. 4, p. 449.) March 20, 1741-2, he made a deed for his son John of land at Palmer's Neck, which lay between his own land and that of Jonathan, Joseph and Daniel Palmer's (*Ibid*, vol. 5, p. 261).

Moses Palmer made his will August 4, 1726. In it he states that he was sick and weak ; gave his wife, Abigail, one third of his estate, she to use the lower great room in the new house, one third of the cellar, barn, garret ; to his daughter, Ame Tracy, one hundred and sixty pounds; daughter Abigail Palmer, one hundred and sixty pounds, and the like sum to the other daughters, Dorothea, Mary, Submit and Lois. His son John was to receive all the rest ; his son-in-law Jonathan Tracy was to have his best saddle, silver shoe buckles, one half of his wearing apparel. His son Moses was not mentioned here. The will was probated August 6, 1744. October 24, 1746, Nathaniel Tracy acknowledged the receipt of his wife's share of her deceased father's estate.

Moses Palmer married in Stonington, April 1, 1703, Abigail Allen. "Abigail Palmer was dismissed from the church of Newton to that of Stonington." Moses Palmer died August 5, 1744; she was a daughter of Daniel and May (Sherman) Allen, and a grand daughter of Rev. John Sherman.

They had children :

153. i. John,* born June 19, 1705.
154. ii. Ame, born December 3, 1706.
155. iii. A daughter, born August 28, 1708 ; died September 5, 1708.
156. iv. Abigail, born September 10, 1709.

- 157. v. Dorothy, born November 20, 1711.
- 158. vi. Mary, born June 28, 1713.
- 159. vii. Moses, born July 18, 1715; died April 3, 1726.
- 160. viii. Submit, born May 3, 1718.
- 161. ix. Rebecca, born April 5, 1720.
- 162. x. Lois, born March 3, 1721-2.
- 163. xi. Moses, born April 2, 1726.

44. DOROTHY³ PALMER, daughter of Moses² (*Walter*¹) and Dorothy (Gilbert) Palmer, was born August 11, 1675. She married January 25, 1698, William Wilcox, a son of Stephen and Hannah (Hazard) Wilcox from Portsmouth, Rhode Island. They resided in Stonington.

They had children :

- 164. i. Dorothy Wilcox, born October 28, 1698.
- 165. ii. Ann Wilcox, born June 14, 1701.
- 166. iii. William Wilcox, born June 3, 1703.
- 167. iv. Jemima Wilcox, born July 21, 1705.
- 168. v. Mary Wilcox, born December 1, 1709.
- 169. vi. Amey Wilcox, born July 7, 1711.
- 170. vii. Sarah Wilcox, born August 29, 1713.
- 171. viii. Nathan Wilcox, born December 3, 1716.

45. JOHN³ PALMER, son of Moses² (*Walter*¹) and Dorothy Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 1, 1677. He evidently lived in that part of the old township of Stonington which was claimed by the people of Rhode Island, and had a wife Hannah, as there were recorded in the Westerly town books the following children to John and Hannah Palmer :

- 172. i. John, born March 27, 1697.
- 173. ii. Ephraim, born February 21, 1699.
- 174. iii. Joseph, born September 2, 1704.
- 175. iv. Hannah, born September 5, 1706.
- 176. v. Mary, born November 1, 1709.

46. AMIE³ PALMER, daughter of Moses² (*Walter*¹) and Dorothy (Gilbert) Palmer, was baptized in the First Church of Stonington, April 25, 1680. She

married in Stonington, October 5, 1704, Ebenezer Allen. They had one child baptized in the First Church of Stonington, and later, probably, removed.

Child :

177. i. Amie Allen, born August 22, 1705.

48. MERCY³ PALMER, daughter of Deacon Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was born in Stonington in 1668. She married, June 8, 1690, John Breed, a son of Allen and Elizabeth (Knight) Breed, who was born in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts, 1634. His first wife, Mary Kirtland, had died in Lynn. He, "being what was then called in New England a member of the standing order," was dismissed from the First Church of Lynn to that of Stonington, where he bought land of Deacon Gershom Palmer in 1687. He died there, in 1751, aged about 90 years ; she died there in 1752, aged about 83 years, and they were buried in the Wequetequack burial place, which is about two and a half miles from Stonington Centre. Over their graves is—

"In memory of a pious pair this carved stone was erected here, viz., of Mr. John Breed and his wife Mary who lived together in ye marriage state in a most religious manner about 64 years, and then deceased, leaving a numerous offspring ; he in 1751 about 90 years of age, and she in 1752 about 83 years. Erected in the year 1772 by six of their children then living.

Behold the righteous live long on earth,
And in old age resign their breath,
They and their offspring here are blessed :
When done with life they go to rest."

They had children:

- 178. i. Mary Breed, baptizd March 1, 1691.
- 179. ii. Ann Breed, baptizd November 20, 1692, d. y.
- 180. iii. Ann Breed, born November 8, 1693.
- 181. iv. Mary Breed, born January 8, 1697.
- 182. v. John Breed, born January 26, 1700.
- 183. vi. Elizabeth Breed, born June 28, 1702.

- 184. vii. Sarah Breed, born February 7, 1704.
- 185. viii. Zurviah Breed, born August 27, 1706.
- 186. ix. Joseph Breed, born October 4, 1708.
- 187. x. Bethiah Breed, born December 20, 1710.
- 188. xi. Allan Breed, born August 29, 1714.
- 189. xii. Gershom Breed, born November 15, 1715.

[From the Denison Genealogy, page 11.]

49. GERSHOM³ PALMER, son of Deacon Gershom² (Walter¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was baptized in the First Church of Stonington, September 3, 1677, but was born in the year 1672. On May 27, 1697, his father drew the following deed; "Know all men by these presents that while my brother, William Palmer, deceased, did give and bequeath to me all his land at Killingworth forever, I settling one of my sons thereon, in compliance with my brother William's will do order my eldest son, Gershom Palmer, to settle in the said house and upon said land."—(History of New London County, Conn., page 653.) As the consequence of this decree of his father, Gershom Palmer removed to Killingworth.

"At a Town Meeting, December 28, 1699, also it was granted unto Gershom Palmer a corner of Rocky Land between William Palmer's last Division & the s'd Gershom's Division he paying to the Town fifteen Shillings."—(Killingworth Town Records.)

July 9, 1707, he bought of William Willcoxson of Stonington, three acres of upland in Killingworth, bounded by land of Samuel Buel, Isaac Griswold, and all other ways by the common lands. March 28, 1712, he bought of David Buell of Killingworth another lot of land which joined his own house lot.

In 1732, the widow Sarah Fenner, of Saybrook, New London County, Conn., gave a deed wherein she said, "Whereas my husband, Captain John Fenner, formerly of Saybrook, did in his last will and testament give to me, Sarah Fenner, one moiety of his estate both personal and real, . . . now considering

what part of said estate each of my children have had and being mindful that justice should be done," divided it among her daughter, Phebe, wife of David Buel of Killingworth (who held land contiguous to that occupied by his brother-in-law, Gershom Palmer), and the heirs of her deceased daughter, Sarah Palmer, namely, John and Gershom Palmer, with her daughter, Hannah Starkie of Saybrook.

Gershom Palmer married, probably in Saybrook, Sarah, daughter of Captain John and Sarah Fenner; he died in Killingworth in 1733-4.

They had children:

- 190. i. Gershom.⁴
- 191. ii. John.
- 192. iii. Anna.

50. ICHABOD³ PALMER, son of Deacon Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was baptized September 2, 1677. March 19, 1715-16, Captain Ichabod Palmer had one hundred acres of land laid out to him, which were a former grant to Mrs. Rebecca Palmer. In 1715, he received a mortgage deed together with Henry Crane of Milton, Mass., from Thomas Shaw.—(Land Records, vol. 3, page 167.) March 24, 1717, he, with his wife Hannah, and Daniel Palmer, as heirs to Nehemiah Palmer, deceased, gave a quit-claim deed to their brother, Jonathan Palmer.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 24.) November 1, 1727, fifty acres of land were laid out to him which formerly belonged to Mrs. Rebecca Palmer in that part of Stonington which was called Cotopeset.—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 159.) December 23, 1723, "Whereas there has a dispute arisen between Captain Ichabod Palmer and Ensign John Breed, cordwainer, regarding a tract of land in Stonington which Gershom Palmer of Killingworth bought of John Frink and assigned to Captain Ichabod Palmer and John Frink, a division was made by John Badcock, Henry Cobb and Joseph

Palmer.—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 448.) April 10, 1717, Hannah, widow of Nehemiah Palmer, gave a deed "to my son and daughter, Ichabod and Hannah Palmer, of all the goods and chattels in the house of my son Daniel Palmer, which were left to me by my late deceased husband, together with one-third of the housings, lands, barns, orchards, to be theirs henceforth."—(*Ibid*, vol. 2, page 501.) August 28, 1727, Ichabod Palmer drew a deed in which he gave his son, Ichabod, junior, land at Puckhunganuck "which was given me by my father, Gershom Palmer, with my three brothers, on May, 1718 with a right I bought of my brother, Walter Palmer, deceased, on December 1, 1721."—(*Ibid*, vol. 4, page 108.) Captain Ichabod Palmer made his will May 8, 1746; in it he mentions his wife, Hannah Palmer, his son Ichabod, deceased, son Nathaniel, his grandson, Elias Palmer, and his granddaughters, Lucy Denison and Hannah Chesborough, whose mother, his daughter, was also dead. Marvin Palmer, his granddaughter, sister of his grandson, Elias Palmer. He gave his son, Nathaniel Palmer, the sword and cane which had belonged to Captain Saxton.

Mrs. Hannah Palmer, the widow of Captain Ichabod Palmer, made her will May 21, 1751; in it she mentions her granddaughters, Lucy Denison and Hannah Palmer, her grandson, Elias Palmer, son Nathaniel Palmer and the granddaughter, Marvil Palmer.

Captain Ichabod Palmer married, in 1698, Hannah, daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, who was was baptized April 11, 1680, died July 19, 1751, aged 77 years; he died April 10, 1752, aged 75 years.

They had children:

193. i. Lucy,⁴ baptized May 28, 1699.
194. ii. Ichabod, junior, baptized January 10, 1703.
195. iii. Prudence, born May 29, 1706; died in 1716.
196. iv. Daniel, baptized December 18, 1709.
197. v. Nathaniel, born October 1, 1709.

198. vi. Elias, baptized May 15, 1715; died March 13, 1738, aged 24 years.

51. WILLIAM³ PALMER, son of Deacon Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was baptized April 25, 1678. On May 9, 1716, his father made a deed by which he gave land at Puckhunganuck to his son William, then, on the decease of this son, the said land should be given to the three grandsons, sons of his son William, William, junior, Elihu and Wait Palmer, each to own one-quarter of the parcel.—(Land Records, vol. 3, page 261.) On December 29, 1719, William, senior, mortgaged this tract, which was bounded by land of his brother, Walter Palmer, to Elihu Chesborough.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, page 320.) In 1728–9, William Palmer, senior, assigned to his three sons, William, junior, Elihu and Wait Palmer, rights in two parcels of land, and two of the sons, William, junior, and Wait, in their turn, gave a deed of it to their brother, Elihu.—(*Ibid*, vol. 4, page 161.) October 8, 1729, a deed was given, stating that “Whereas Deacon Gershom Palmer gave to his sons Ichabod, William, George and Walter certain parcels of land, and Ichabod had purchased his brother Walter’s share for his own part, William, senior, made a quit-claim deed to his own sons, William, junior, Elihu of Westerley, Rhode Island, and Wait of Stonington; then, as George Palmer, in his will, had made his wife Hannah his executrix, with his sons Christopher and Joseph, at this same date they agree on a division.”—(*Ibid*, vol. 4, page 204.)

William Palmer, senior, married January 10, 1701–2, in Stonington, Grace Minor, a daughter of Ephraim and Hannah (Avery) Minor, who was born in Stonington, September, 1683. They first resided in Tangwonk and removed thence to Punhunguenuch Hill, in North Stonington.

They had children:

199. i. Grace,⁴ baptized June 27, 1703.

- 200. ii. William, junior, born March 1, 1705.
- 201. iii. Elihu, baptized December 6, 1706.
- 202. iv. Wait, baptized May 27, 1711.

52. GEORGE³ PALMER, son of Deacon Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was baptized in Stonington, May 29, 1680. December 23, 1708, Deacon Gershom Palmer drew a deed in which he agreed to assign to his sons, George and Walter, all his farm, they promising to allow him one-third of the produce, to live in the east end of his now dwelling house and to fulfil the agreement he made with his present wife before their marriage, said agreement bearing date November 11, 1707.—(Land Records, vol. 2, page 424.) In a deed dated October 8, 1729, is set forth that George Palmer, in his will, made his wife Hannah his executrix with his sons, Christopher and Joseph. As his widow was married in the next year, we know that he died in 1729. January 25, 1738-9, Hannah, former wife of George Palmer, now wife of William York, gave a quit-claim deed of her right to one-third of the estate.—(*Ibid*, vol. 5, page 85.) George Palmer married, March 11, 1711, in Stonington, Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Frances (Prentice) Palmer, who was born May 31, 1694. He died May 28, 1728; she married (2) February 22, 1729-30, William York.—(Stonington Town books.)

Children of George³ and Hannah Palmer:

- 203. i. Christopher⁴, born February 13, 1712.
- 204. ii. Zebulon, born February 4, 1714.
- 205. iii. Joseph, born August 16, 1716-7.
- 206. iv. George, junior, born September 6, 1719.
- 207. v. Gershom, born October 12, 1725.

Children of Hannah (Palmer), by William York:

- 208. vi. Amos York, born October 13, 1730.
- 209. vii. Molly York, born April 30, 1732.
- 210. viii. Jonathan York, born August 29, 1735.

54. ANN³ PALMER, daughter of Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was baptized in Stonington, May 20, 1682. She married there March 8, 1707, Benjamin Hewitt, son of Benjamin and Marie (*Fanning*) Hewitt, who was baptized in Stonington, July 24, 1692, at the same time with his brother and sister, and was probably born 1684.

They had children:

211. i. Kesiah⁴ Hewitt, born August 13, 1708.
212. ii. Walter Hewitt, born March 20, 1710.
213. iii. Nathan Hewitt, born June 11, 1712.
214. iv. Gershom Hewitt, born September 6, 1714.
215. v. Benjamin Hewitt, born March 7, 1717.
216. vi. Abiah Hewitt, born January 13, 1719.
217. vii. Olive Hewitt, born December 13, 1720.
218. viii. Edmund Hewitt, born May 28, 1723.
219. ix. Jabish Hewitt, born May 28, 1725.
220. x. Content Hewitt, born March 26, 1727.

55. WALTER³ PALMER, son of Deacon Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer, was baptized June 7, 1685. June 16, 1718, his father made over to his two sons, George and Walter, all his farm, they to allow him during his lifetime one-third of all the produce, with the east end of the dwelling house and to fulfil the agreement he entered into with his present wife before their marriage. This deed was dated December 23, 1708, and that for his wife was drawn November 11, 1707.—(Land Records, vol. 2, page 424.)

The bond for the administration of the estate of Walter Palmer, deceased, was given by his widow, Mrs. Grace Palmer, with his brother, George Palmer, on April 11, 1727.

Walter Palmer married, August 7, 1712, Grace Vose, a daughter of Edward and Waitstill Vose of Milton, Mass. Walter died February 11, 1726-7, aged 43 years.

They had children:

221. i. Grace.⁴

222. ii. Walter, born July 29, 1717.

223. iii. William, born August 31, 1718.

57. MARY³ PALMER, daughter of Deacon Gershom² (*Walter*¹) and Ann (Denison) Palmer was baptized June 8, 1690. She married, April 2, 1711, her cousin, Joseph Palmer, son of Joseph and Frances (Prentice) Palmer, who was born March 14, 1690 ; she died in Stonington, January 13, 1777.

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77. SAMUEL⁴ PALMER, son of Samuel³ (*Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Kinsley) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, Bristol County, Mass., January 4, 1683. December 7, 1741, Samuel Palmer, junior, with his son, Samuel Palmer 3d, sold eighty acres of land in Windham to Philimon Wood of Ipswich, Essex County, Mass. (Land Records, vol. H, p. 155.) December 17, 1745, Samuel Palmer sold for £120 one half of his lot of land in Windham, together with his dwelling house to his son, Aaron Palmer. (*Ibid*, H. p. 485.) January 9, 1743, Samuel Palmer, junior, sold to his father Palmer for £200, the southern half part of the land he formerly bought of Daniel Stoughton, lying on the east side of the highway which bounded his own dwelling house. (*Ibid* H. p. 270.) April 7, 1748, he sold for £1,550 one hundred and ten acres of land in Windham and Canterbury to James Luce, of Norwich, Conn. (*Ibid*, Vol. I, p. 176.) Samuel Palmer married, in Windham, April 8, 1707, Hephsebeth, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Silsby) Abbe, who was born in Salem Village, now Danvers, Essex County, Mass., February 14, 1688-9.

They had children :

- 224. i. Sarah,^{*} born February 2, 1707-8.
- 225. ii. Martha, born April 25, 1710; died April 26, 1710.
- 226. iii. Samuel, 3d, born September 18, 1711.
- 227. iv. Ebenezer, born January 25, 1714.
- 228. v. Ichabod, born April 17, 1716.
- 229. vi. Zebulon, born May 19, 1718.

230. vii. John, born March 6, 1720-1.
231. viii. Aaron, born March 12, 1722-3.
232. ix. Moses, born August 24, 1725-6.
233. x. Elizabeth, who died May 16, 1727.
234. xi. Ann, born July 19, 1730.

83. SETH⁴ PALMER, son of Samuel³ (*Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Kinsley) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, Bristol County, Mass., April 11, 1694. In 1727, with John Marcy, he was employed to build a dam across Merrick's Brook, in Windham County, Conn. December, 1727, "Divers of the inhabitants living east of the First Religious Society of Windham, received liberty to employ a suitable person to preach for them in the winter season, as they had complained of the hardships of travel in the rigorous season." This liberty was granted under the condition that they should pay both their own minister and "their just charges at Windham." The support of two ministers was considered unreasonable by them, and they appealed to the General Assembly of Connecticut in 1731 for a division of the parishes. This was granted, May, 1732. After the frame of a new meeting house was erected, "Mr. Seth Palmer was employed to make some conveniency for the new minister to stand by to preach," and this temporary pulpit cost ten shillings. December 7, 1734, he was appointed, with Elijah Hurlbut, as collector for the new Society. In "seating the meeting house" (which was done in this wise), by "considering, first, the place and station that persons are in; second, the age they bear; third, the estate they enjoy," Seth Palmer was elected to the second seat next the fore."

He married in Windham (now Willimantic), April 19, 1720, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Mary Cary, who was born April 14, 1700, died January 8, 1738-9; he married (2) June 14, 1739, widow Mary Moseley; he died August 1, 1772, aged 79 years.

Children by his first wife:

- 235. i. Elizabeth,¹ born August 15, 1721.
- 236. ii. Mary, born October 17, 1723.
- 237. iii. Abigail, born January 9, 1725.
- 238. iv. Hannah, born March 1, 1727.
- 239. v. Maria, born 1728, died December 4, 1742.
- 240. vi. Esther, born June 1, 1730.
- 241. vii. Jehoidan, born and died April 20, 1733.
- 242. viii. Seth, born May 4, 1734.
- 243. ix. Joseph, born February 23, 1736.

86. MERCY⁴ PALMER, daughter of Samuel³ (*Jonas², Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Kinsley) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, January 17, 1700. She appears to have been the only one of all of Samuel's children who was baptized in the Congregational Church of Newport, Rhode Island, by Rev. Mr. Newman, who was chosen to officiate at so many out-of-town baptisms and marriages.

January 28, 1741, Benjamin and Marcy Deman, of Hartford, Conn., sell to Eliezer Palmer, of Windham, the land which Samuel Palmer gave to his daughters, Elizabeth and Mary Palmer (in signing, she writes her name as Marcy).

87. ELEAZER⁴ PALMER, son of Samuel³ (*Jonas², Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Kinsley) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., June 10, 1702. April 5, 1744, Seth Palmer made over to his brother, Eleazer, his own rights in the estate of their father, Samuel Palmer, which had been given to Seth in his father's will. (Land records, Vol. H, p. 296.) October 10, 1759, Eleazer Palmer made a deed of gift to his sons Eliphallet and Eleazer, junior, of a tract of land, as a part settlement of his estate (*Ibid*, Vol. M, p. 220.) July 10, 1728, Samuel Palmer gave his son Eleazer, a lot of land which was contiguous to Samuel's "now dwelling house and by Beaver Brook." (*Ibid*, Vol. G, p. 14.)

He married in Windham, March 28, 1723, Mary Lillie, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Lillie, who was born in Lynn, Mass., December 25, 1702, died in Scotland Parish, July 9, 1768, aged 66 years; he died there February 4, 1783.

They had children:

244. i. Zurviah,^{*} born February 12, 1728-4, died March 20, 1728.
245. ii. Eliphalet, born May 25, 1725.
246. iii. Eleazer, junior, born July 7, 1726.
247. iv. Mary, born May 19, 1728.
248. v. Zurviah, born February 24, 1730-1.
249. vi. Enos, born July 12, 1732.
250. vii. Marcey, born February 24, 1734-5.
251. viii. Jerusha, born April 9, 1737.
252. ix. Mehitable, baptized September 19, 1739.
253. x. Tryphena, born May 4, 1741.
254. xi. Hannah, born April 23, 1743.
255. xii. Josiah, born February 10, 1744-5.

88. REBECCA⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonas³ (*Jonas² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, February 29, 1689-90. She married in Rehoboth, February 28, 1711, Thomas Read, son of John and Sarah Read. She died in Windham, March 7, 1725; he married (2) November 9, 1726, Esther Webb.

Thomas and Hannah Read had children :

256. i. Ruth^{*} Read, born December 12, 1712.
257. ii. Mehitable Read, born August 10, 1714.
258. iii. Joshua Read, born August 27, 1716.
259. iv. Solomon Read, born August 19, 1718.
260. v. Hezekiah Read, born February 23, 1720-1.
261. vi. David Read, born September 8, 1722.

89. ELIZABETH⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonas³ (*Jonas² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, September 14, 1691. She married in Windham, August 29, 1712, John Spencer; she died

in Windham July 1, 1750; he married (2) January 24, 1750-1, Elenor Arnold; he died in Windham, April 5, 1772.

John and Elizabeth Spencer had children :

- 262. i. Ebenezer^o Spencer, born May 8, 1714.
- 263. ii. Anna Spencer, born May 6, 1717.
- 264. iii. Elizabeth Spencer, born July 29, 1719; died 1742.
- 265. iv. Jerusha Spencer, born July 16, 1721; died 1722.
- 266. v. John Spencer, born January 24, 1723; died March 6, 1766.
- 267. vi. Samuel Spencer, born June 15, 1729; died April, 1748.
- 268. vii. David Spencer, born May 27, 1731.
- 269. viii. Deborah Spencer, born, twin with David, May 27, 1731; died October 16, 1735.

90. JONATHAN⁴ PALMER, son of Jonas³ (*Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, March 20, 1692-3.

November 29, 1716, Jonah Palmer, Robert Simonds and Jacob Simonds, sold to Jonathan Palmer one hundred acres of land in Mansfield, each owning one quarter part thereof. (Land Record, Vol. E.)

Jonathan Palmer's estate was administered in Windham County Probate, October 5, 1731, by his widow, Sarah Palmer, for whom Richard Abbe was attorney.

91. GERSHOM⁴ PALMER, son of Jonah³ (*Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, Mass., November 14, 1694. By his father's will he received "all the use and improvement due to me on a bond for twenty pounds, with one-third part of my wearing apparel — I having before given him the rest of his portion out of my estate."

Gershom Palmer's own will was made November 27, 1776; he said he was sick and weak of body. Gave to his grand children, Phebe Crane, Gershom and John Moulton each five shillings, and the remainder of his estate to his grand children, Elisha Hebard,

Asenath, Jonah, Delight, Josiah, Gershom and Sibbel Palmer (children of his son Shubael). His estate was apportioned January 3, 1778.

Gershom Palmer married in Windham, June 28, 1715, Hannah Spencer, who died in Scotland Parish, November 22, 1766, in the 78th year of her age. He married (2) June 23, 1772, Mrs. Naomi Allen of Coventry, who died August 15, 1773; he died in Scotland, December 11, 1776, aged 83 years, and was buried beside his first wife in the Palmer ground in Scotland.

Children, all by his first wife :

- 270. i. Jonah,^a born July 18, 1716; died November 14, 1719.
- 271. ii. Phebe, born November 20, 1718.
- 272. iii. Shubael, born January 4, 1720-1.
- 273. iv. Mary.
- 274. v. Elizabeth.
- 275. vi. Hannah, born May 16, 1726.

92. HANNAH⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonas³ (*Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, April 28, 1696. She married, as his second wife, John Read, son of John and Sarah Read, a brother of her sister Rebecca's husband. John Read married (1) March 14, 1711, Mary Branch, by whom he had five children; she died October 8, 1718, he married (2), April 27, 1721, Hannah Palmer, who died in Windham, October 12, 1755, aged sixty years; he died in Windham, March 3, 1735, aged about fifty years.

Children, by his first wife :

- i. Nathaniel Reed, born March 2, 1712; died, 1712.
- ii. Mary Read, born August 7, 1713.
- iii. Elizabeth Read, born September 18, 1715.
- iv. John Read, born January 10, 1717; died November, 1717.
- v. Nathan Read, born September 1, 1718; died, 1718.
- 276. vi. Hannah^a Read, born April 27, 1722.
- 277. vii. John Read, born August 4, 1723.

278. viii. Seth Read, born June 16, 1725; died July 11, 1726.
 279. ix. Amasa Read, born May 15, 1729.
 280. x. Irena Read, born February 4, 1730-1.
 281. xi. Susannah Read, born February 24, 1733-4; died April, 1733.

94. ELIHU PALMER,⁴ son of Jonas³ (*Jonas*², (*Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Kenrick) Palmer, was born in Rehoboth, January 19, 1699-1700.

May 15, 1722, Jonah Palmer gave a deed of six acres of land "off the east side of his own farm, lying east of Deacon Cary's land." (Land Records, Vol. F, p. 39.) January 21, 1732-3, Gershom and Elihu Palmer give a deed of release to Captain Thomas Dyar. (*Ibid*, Vol. G, p. 127.) April 6, 1733-4, Elihu Palmer, sold his home lot and house for one hundred and fifty pounds to Richard Abbe. (*Ibid*, Vol. G, p. 278.) February 5, 1765, Elihu (junior), Amasa Palmer, with Peter and Abigail Robinson gave a quit-claim to their brother, Jonah Palmer, of land in Windham. (Vol. M. p. 326.) October 3, 1765, Elihu Palmer, late junior, sold for forty pounds twenty acres of land in Windham to Nathaniel Cary. (Vol. M. p. 357.)

The will of Elihu Palmer, senior, was drawn in Windham, May 12, 1764. In it he mentions "My poor, crazed wife; his son-in-law, Peter Robinson, junior, and his wife, my daughter Abigail, and his own sons, Elihu, junior, Joseph and Amasa."

Elihu Palmer married in Windham, September 30, 1725, Abigail Robinson, daughter of Peter and Ruth (Fuller) Robinson, who died December 29, 1765, aged 65 years; he died in Windham, July 22, 1764, aged "64 or 65 years." (Town records.)

They had children :

282. i. Amasa⁵, born July 13, 1726; died April 30, 1727.
 283. ii. Elihu, born February 9, 1727-8.
 284. iii. Abigail, born, June 9, 1729-30; died March 13, 1730.
 285. iv. Jonah, born July 23, 1731.

286. v. Abigail, born March 26, 1733.

287. vi. Rhoda, born September 6, 1735; died February 14, 1736.

288. vii. Amasa, born August 29, 1737.

118. JOSEPH⁴ PALMER, son of Joseph³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Frances (Prentice) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 14, 1690. December 5, 1716, John and Mary Breed, Benjamin and Ann Hewett, Joseph and Mary Palmer, Benjamin and Rebecca Palmer, sold to John Stanton, of Newport, Rhode Island, four hundred acres of land in Stonington. (Land records, Vol. 3, p. 174). January 2, 1722-3, Joseph Palmer, of Stonington, with Benjamin Palmer, of Coventry, Windham County, Conn., sold to Daniel Palmer, of Stonington, one hundred acres of land at Pucklagonuck. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 398.) August 11, 1728, Joseph Palmer sold to William Bell, his own dwelling house with fifteen acres of salt marsh. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 140.) Joseph Palmer was representative to the General Assembly, May and October, 1736, 1738, October, 1739, May and July, 1740, May, 1742. From 1739 to 1743, he was annually appointed justice of the peace. In 1746, Joseph Palmer sold twenty acres of land at Salt Cove, to which deed Mary and Frances Palmer were witnesses. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 608.) June 28, 1743, "for love of his son, Joseph Palmer, Lieutenant Joseph sold him sixth acres of land lying by land of Daniel, John and Moses Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 360.) February 18, 1744, Joseph Palmer, of Voluntown, Windham County, Conn., sold to William Coates, four acres of land in Stonington, bounded by land "of my son, Joseph Palmer." (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 360.) This deed seem to betoken the period at which this Joseph removed to Voluntown, or about the year 1744, leaving his son Joseph still in Stonington. On March 19, 1746, Joseph Palmer, junior, of Voluntown, for a deed of even date with this of one half of the farm my father, Joseph Palmer, of Voluntown, where

he now lives, receives a grant of sixty acres of land in Stonington, bounded by land belonging to Moses and John Palmer, and by Stanton's line. together with all the buildings," etc. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 535.)

Joseph Palmer married in Stonington (1) April 12, 1711, his cousin, Mary Palmer, daughter of Gershom and Ann (Denison) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, March 14, 1690, died in Voluntown, January 13, 1777, aged 87 years; he married (2) June 12, 1779, Hannah Billings; he died in Voluntown, June 12, 1789.

Children by the first wife:

- 289. i. Sarah⁸, born July 17, 1711-2.
- 290. ii. Mary, born March 21, 1713-4.
- 291. iii. Phebe, born November 22, 1717.
- 292. iv. Joseph, born October 30, 1719.
- 293. v. Frances, born October 21, 1721.
- 294. vi. Amos, born April 11, 1724; died at Cape Briton, 1754.
- 295. vii. Moses, born and died May 11, 1725.
- 296. viii. Moses, born April 13, 1726.
- 297. ix. Hannah, born —; died August 2, 1727.
- 298. x. Jonathan, born March 18, 1730.
- 299. xi. Ann, born December 23, 1732.
- 300. xii. Asenath, born March 26, 1734 (?).

121. BENJAMIN⁴ PALMER, son of Lieutenant Joseph³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Frances (Prentice) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 18, 1696. In 1717, Nehemiah Palmer gave his grandsons, Joseph, Benjamin and Gershom Palmer, one half of all his own home lots to be divided among them according to their father's will, they to take possession immediately after his death provided that his son, Daniel Palmer, should comfortably maintain "my wife and that his son, Jonathan, should have liberty to cut the salt grass." (Land records, Vol. 2, p. 195.) September 16, 1719, Benjamin Palmer gave his brother, Joseph, his own right to the land, "where Daniel Palmer, Esq., and

his brother Joseph now dwell," by virtue of a deed "from my father, Lieutenant Joseph Palmer, by his will and by a deed of gift from my grandfather, Nehemiah Palmer and his will." (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 307.) January 3, 1723-3, Joseph Palmer, with Benjamin Palmer of Coventry, Conn., sold to Daniel Palmer, Esq., two thirds of a tract of land at Pucklawgonuck, one hundred acres. (*Ibid*, Vol. 2, p. 398.) December 5, 1716, John and Mary Breed, Benjamin and A. Hewitt, Joseph and Mary Palmer, Benjamin and Rebecca Palmer, sold for eighty pounds, four hundred acres of land in Stonington to John Stanton, of Newport, Rhode Island. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 174.) Benjamin Palmer removed to Coventry, Windham County, Conn., where he was called sergeant. He married, probably, in Stonington, Rebecca Palmer, daughter of Gershom and Ann (Denison) Palmer, who was baptized in the First Church of Stonington, July 1, 1694, died in Coventry, March 22, 1726; he married (2) November 14, 1726, Ruth Bidwell.

Children by first wife, born in Coventry :

- 301. i. Gershom,^a born February 13, 1717.
- 302. ii. Ann, born February 5, 1720.
- 303. iii. Nathan, born November 27, 1723.
- 304. iv. John, born February 14, 1725.

Children by wife Ruth :

- 305. v. Benjamin, born October 10, 1729.
- 306. vi. Ruth, born February 20, 1733-4.
- 307. vii. Rebecca, born February 20, 1737-8.

125. MERCY⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Mannering) Palmer was born in Stonington, February 27, 1709. She married, May 15, 1746, William Herrick, son of Ephraim and Judith Herrick, who was born in Preston, Conn., July 25, 1708, resided in Preston, where he died in 1752.

They had children :

- 308. i. Annabella⁴ Herrick.
- 309. ii. Judith Herrick, born April 7, 1748.
- 310. iii. Zurviah Herrick, born December 22, 1749.
- 311. iv. Abigail Herrick.
- 312. v. Lucretia Herrick.

[From Herrick Genealogy.]

128. IRENE⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Mannering) Palmer, was born March 26, 1715. She married March 27, 1735, Henry Rowland. In November 11, 1748, they were residing in Lyme, Conn., when they acknowledged the receipt of their legacy from her father's estate.

129. LOVE⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Mannering) Palmer, was born March 26, 1717. She married December 23, 1736, Jonathan Shepherd, and was residing in Killingly, Conn., when she received the legacy from her father's estate, in 1748.

130. PRUDENCE⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Mainwaring) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 31, 1719. She married in the North Parish Church of Stonington, November 8, 1738, Ebenezer Cady, who was born in Canterbury, Windham County, Conn., April 19, 1714. At the time of their marriage he was registered from Lyme, Conn., and they lived in that town from that period until almost 1764, when they removed to Canaan, Columbia County, New York, "where Mr. Cady died in 1779; his wife surviving him several years." Most of their sons served in the Revolutionary War. Their descendants are found along the valley of the Mohawk River and in Columbia County; among the more prominent were Judge Daniel Cady of the Court of Appeals of New York, Brevet Major-General

Amos B. Eaton, United States Army, and Professor Dorman Cady Eaton of Yale.

They had children :

- 313. i. Prudence¹ Cady, born 1740.
- 314. ii. Ebenezer Cady, born January 29, 1743.
- 315. iii. Eleazer Cady, born March 29, 1745, in Lyme.
- 316. iv. Elisha Cady.
- 317. v. Elijah Cady.
- 318. vi. Elias Cady.
- 319. vii. David Cady.

131. CAPTAIN⁴ JONATHAN PALMER, son of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Manering) Palmer, was born in Stonington, December 23, 1720. June 20, 1747, with his wife Prudence and his brother Oliver Palmer, he sold for four hundred pounds to John Randall seven and three-quarters acres of land on the south side of Palmer's Neck, in Stonington. (Land records, Vol. 6, p. 67.) July 11, 1750, he sold for two hundred and ninety-one pounds, a lot of land bounded by that of Joshua Hall and the Meer Stone Wall. (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, p. 286.) November 11, 1768, he bought from his brothers and sisters the estate which had been a part of their deceased parents' possession, lying on the east side of Pocatuck River. (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 222.) January 9, 1790, Jonathan Palmer, junior, sold to John Holmes, a part of the estate of John Holmes, deceased, which fell to the share of Zurviah Holmes, widow. (*Ibid*, Vol. 11, p. 285.) March 8, 1788, Jonathan Palmer, junior, agreed "that my father and mother shall have the following privileges for their natural lives: the great room, the northeast corner of the adjoining buttery, privilege of the use of the cellar, stable in the barn, the keeping of one cow, fire wood for their own use," etc. (*Ibid*, Vol. 11, p. 354.)

Jonathan Palmer was Captain of the Train Band of the 6th Company of the Militia of Stonington.

He married, September 12, 1745, Prudence Holmes, a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Richardson) Holmes, who was born in Stonington, February 27, 1724; died there November 27, 1797. He died July 5, 1803, aged 82 years, and was buried in the Robinson Ground in Stonington. (Noyes F. Palmer.)

They had children:

- 320. i. (Col.) Jonathan^s, born May 5, 1746.
- 321. ii. (Capt. Joshua, born November 18, 1747.
- 322. iii. Asher, born August 26, 1749.
- 323. iv. Prudence, born September 22, 1751.
- 324. v. Judith, born October 6, 1753.
- 325. vi. Edward, born September 5, 1755.
- 326. vii. Sarah, born October 12, 1757.
- 327. viii. Thankful, born May 27, 1759.
- 328. ix. Robert, born June 4, 1761.
- 329. x. Eunice, born July 29, 1763.
- 330. xi. Lucy, born June 16, 1768.

132. OLIVER⁴ PALMER, son of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah,^s Walter¹*) and Mercy (Mannering) Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 7, 1722. On June 20, 1747, he, with his brother Jonathan Palmer, sold a lot of land on the south side of Palmer's Neck. In 1765, he bought a tract of twelve acres, from Joseph Hewitt. (Land records, Vol. 8, p. 125.) In 1769, he sold a small piece of land to the widow Sarah Shaw. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 148.) In 1795 the widow, Mrs. Mary Palmer, with Robert and Elizabeth Stanton, gave a deed in the interest of Oliver Palmer's estate to Noah and Mary Grant and Asa Weaver. (*Ibid*, Vol. 12, p. 182.)

Oliver Palmer's will was drawn April 2, 1781; in it he mentions his wife Mary, his daughter Mary Grant, Elizabeth Stanton, son-in-law Noah Grant and Robert Stanton.

Oliver Palmer married Mary.

They had children :

- 331. i. Mary,^s born June 22, 1753.
- 332. ii. Martha, born December 7, 1755.

333. iii. Lydia, born March 29, 1757, died May 3, 1757.
334. iv. Elizabeth, born June 13, 1758.
335. v. Oliver, junior, born June 29, 1760.
336. vi. Rozzel (Roswell), born September 1, 1761.

133. ELIZABETH⁴ PALMER, daughter of Jonathan³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Mannering) Palmer, was born November 28, 1724. She married Matthew Horr, and they were living in Lyme, Conn., when they, with her brothers and sisters, acknowledged the receipt of their share of their (or her) father's estate.

134. NEHEMIAH⁴ PALMER, son of Daniel³ (*Neheamih*,² *Walter*¹) and Margaret (Smith) Palmer, was born in Stonington, April 9, 1702.

January 29, 1727-8, Daniel Palmer sold to his son, Nehemiah Palmer, a lot of land at Puckwich which "his grandfather, Nehemiah Palmer, gave a deed of to me on September 4, 1716, and land near Weaquateck, twenty acres abutted by land of Moses Palmer, together with the east part of my dwelling, the lower room, chamber, garret." (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 118.) December 21, 1750, Daniel Palmer gave a deed to his sons, Nehemiah, Nathan, Rufus and James, of all his land, together with the buildings, on the south of the country road east of Wequetequack Brook, and west of Paucatuck River; deeding to his eldest son, Nehemiah, two-fifths of a double portion, with twenty acres which "I gave him by deed dated February 29, 1727, one half of the house I now live in, the east portion and the east part of the barn; to his son, Nathan, his own house where he now lives, and one-fifth part of the rest of the property; to his sons, Rufus and James, one-half of my now dwelling-house the west end and the equal distribution of the lands." (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, p. 198.)

He married Submit Palmer, daughter of Moses and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, who was baptized May 5, 1718; died January 29, 1793. He died July 25, 1742.

They had children:

- 337. i. Nehemiah,^s born May 2, 1738.
- 338. ii. Jesse, born June 30, 1740.
- 339. iii. Elijah, born September 12, 1742.
- 340. iv. Submit, born January 12, 1744.
- 341. v. Abel, born December 14, 1746.
- 342. vi. Daniel, born June 17, 1749.
- 343. vii. Lois, born September 7, 1751.
- 344. viii. Renben, born August 1, 1753.
- 345. ix. Abel, born April 4, 1756.
- 346. x. Elizabeth, born July 8, 1762; died December 14, 1785.

135. DANIEL⁴ PALMER, son of Daniel³ (*Nehemiah, Walter*) and Margaret (Smith) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 10, 1704. He removed to Voluntown, where his estate was distributed among his heirs on March 13, 1773. He had made a will, but it had been lost. In it he appointed his wife, Mary, and his eldest son, Samuel, as executors; but Samuel had also died before the final administration, and the inheritors in 1773 were named as follows: The third daughter, Rebecca Sherman, Joseph the third son, Lydia the second daughter, Margaret the fourth daughter, Mary Stanton the eldest daughter, Huldah the fifth daughter, and the youngest son, Joseph, of Samuel, deceased.

Daniel Palmer married, January 6, 1731, in Stonington, Mary, daughter of Deacon Joseph and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, March 21, 1704. He died in Voluntown, August 17, 1772, aged 68 years.

They had children:

- 347. i. Samuel,^s born November 20, 1731.
- 348. ii. Daniel, born January 17, 1734.
- 349. iii. Mary, born January 31, 1737.
- 350. iv. Lydia, born May 13, 1738.
- 351. v. Rebecca, born April 24, 1742.
- 352. vi. Joseph, born December 27, 1744.
- 353. vii. Margaret, born November 1, 1747.

354. viii. Huldah, born March 3, 1750.

355. ix. Freelove, born May 14, 1753.

137. NATHAN⁴ PALMER, son of Justice Daniel³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Margaret (Smith) Palmer, was born in Stonington, October 26, 1711. December 21, 1750, his father made a deed of gift by which he gave his son Nathan one-fifth part of his own estate, together with the house where he now lives (Land records, vol. 6, p. 198). He was one of the leading physicians of Stonington. Dr. Nathan Palmer married in Stonington, April 21, 1735, Phebe Billings, daughter of Ebenezer and Phebe (Denison) Billings, who was born in Stonington, April 4, 1714, died there April 3, 1792, aged 78 years; he died there March 28, 1795, aged 84 years, and were both buried in the Palmer ground at the head of the Cove.

They had children:

- 356. i. Denison,⁵ baptized May 23, 1735.
- 357. ii. Huldah, baptized February 27, 1737.
- 358. iii. Andrew, baptized November 5, 1738.
- 359. iv. Nathan Junior, baptized October 12, 1740.
- 360. v. Asa, baptized July 4, 1742.
- 361. vi. Lemuel, baptized September 14, 1743.
- 362. vii. Ebenezer, baptized April 4, 1745.
- 363. viii. Phebe, baptized March 15, 1747.
- 364. ix. Sabra, baptized August 27, 1749.
- 365. x. Lucretia, baptized February 8, 1752.
- 366. xi. Desire, baptized August 19, 1753.
- 367. xii. Edward, baptized April 4, 1756.
- 368. xiii. Eliakim, born March 7, 1759.

138. RUFUS⁴ PALMER, son of Daniel³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Margaret (Smith) Palmer, was born October 7, 1713. December 21, 1750, his father gave to him, together with his brother James, one half of his own present dwelling house, the west part, which was to be equally divided between them, and to each one fifth part of his lands. (Land records, vol. 6, p. 198).

Rufus Palmer married, February 13, 1748-9, Phebe Babcock.

They had children:

- 369. i. Welthe,⁶ born September 27, 1749.
- 370. ii. Sarah, born June 2, 1751.
- 371. iii. Keturah, born January 27, 1753.
- 372. iv. James, born August 2, 1754.
- 373. v. Jonas, born January 19, 1759.

141. JAMES⁴ PALMER, son of Justice Daniel³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Margaret (Smith) Palmer, was born in Stonington, July 18, 1720. December 21, 1750, he received a deed from his father of his share of the parental estate, and on March 28, 1752, the children of Daniel Palmer divided their deceased father's property. In 1755, James Palmer, with his wife Hannah, sold for a stated sum of money a parcel of land to Jonathan Chesbrough. June 26, 1754, they sold to Joseph Denison a lot of land which had been given to Mrs. Hannah in the will of her father, William Chesbrough. (Land records, vol. 6, p. 446.) His own homestead was about a mile east of the old burying ground. He married, in Stonington, June 14, 1740, Hannah Chesbrough, a daughter of William and Lucy (Denison) Chesbrough, who was born June 11, 1732, died October 4, 1814; he died June 20, 1786, aged 61 years.

They had children:

- 374. i. Eunice,⁵ born February 4, 1749-50.
- 375. ii. Hannah, born November 4, 1753.
- 376. iii. Bridget, born November 12, 1755.
- 377. iv. Samuel, born June 18, 1758.
- 378. v. Margaret, born August 17, 1762.
- 379. vi. William, born November 1, 1764.
- 380. vii. Desire, born about 1765-6.
- 381. viii. Lemuel, born November 16, 1767.

142. REBECCA⁴ PALMER, daughter of Justice Daniel³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Margaret (Smith) Palmer,

was born April 13, 1725. She married, in Stonington, February 17, 1743, Captain Daniel Fish. They removed to Voluntown, and "their homestead was given to them by the First Congregational Church of Voluntown who kept it unchanged." (Noyes F. Palmer.) She died in Voluntown, July 12, 1786; he died there April 11, 1788. Captain Daniel Fish was the son of Samuel and Sarah Fish and was born in Stonington "about 1714." He gave to the Fish Congregational church in Stonington the house and farm at Wequetequock, still in its possession; he married (2) Sarah Hilliard, who survived him. He was a great great-grandson of the John Fish who married, as her third husband, Hannah (Palmer) Hewitt Sterry.

143. SAXTON⁴ PALMER, son of Nehemiah³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Jerusha (Saxton) Palmer, was born November 29, 1700. December 27, 1722, Saxton Palmer, wife Sarah, sold a tract of land that "our father, Samuel Richardson, deceased, owned." (Land records, vol. 3, p. 395.) April 13, 1723, Saxton Palmer sold his house and one acre of land for thirty pounds to Elihu Chesbrough, at Tagwonk, also fifty acres.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, p. 465.) In 1725, he gave a mortgage deed for four hundred pounds to Captain Thomas Noyes on Captain Joseph Saxton's house and land in Stonington.—(*Ibid*, vol. 3, p. 445).

Saxton Palmer married in Stonington, May 13, 1722, Sarah, daughter of Samuel and Anna Richardson, who was born in Stonington, September 26, 1699–1700.

They had children:

- 382. i. Saxton,⁵ Junior, born in Stonington, May 1, 1722–3.
- 383. ii. Perez, born February 17, 1724–5.

144. THOMAS⁴ PALMER, son of Nehemiah³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Joshua (Saxton) Palmer, was born July 7, 1703. His will was drawn June 12, 1776, and given to the Probate Court, July 5, 1776. In it he

bequeathed to his son, Thomas Palmer, Junior, his own dwelling house, together with nineteen acres of land; to his daughter Lucy Thompson, his daughter Bridget Gallup, and daughter Desire Thompson, land; and mentions his son Jabez Palmer.

Thomas Palmer married, about 1733, Mrs. Priscilla Chesbrough, daughter of Samuel and Priscilla (Alden) Chesbrough and widow of Jabez Chesbrough, who was born in Stonington, November 6, 1704, a great granddaughter of John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden.

They had children:

- 384. i. Lucy,^a born December 23, 1734.
- 385. ii. Thomas, born July 24, 1738.
- 386. iii. Jabez, born January 24, 1741.
- 387. iv. Bridget, born April 5, 1743.
- 388. v. Desire, born July 19, 1746.
- 389. vi. Samuel, born June 11, 1749.

147. STEPHEN⁴ PALMER, son of Nehemiah³ (*Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Jerusha (Saxton) Palmer, was born May 1, 1709. He removed to North Coventry, Windham County, Conn., about the year 1730. December 4, 1770, Stephen Palmer of Coventry administered the estate of Mrs. Jerusha Buel, of Stonington, late deceased as Nehemiah Buel of Lebanon, Conn., refused to take the administration, although he, as the second son of the said Jerusha was to do so. (Land records, Vol. 1, p. 243.) December 5, 1769, Thomas and wife Abigail, Palmer were cited to administer the estate of Mrs. Jerusha Buel. (Land records, Vol. 1, p. 234.) Stephen Palmer, of Coventry, will was made October 4, 1775; he states that he was sick; gives his wife, Elizabeth, all his household goods, husbandry tools, cattle, horses, sheep, and swine forever, except one yearling colt, together with the use and improvement of all lands and buildings. To his son, Nathaniel Palmer, the west end of the house after "my widow's decease." Bequeaths to sons Stephen, James, Nathan ten pounds each; to the

children of his own son, Joshua, ten pounds each ; to daughter, Elizabeth, ten shillings. The will was published October 30, 1775. A daughter, who had married Isaac Barrows, entered a protestation. His son, Joshua's heirs, of Mansfield, Windham County, Conn., received their portion; namely, Isaac S., Rufus, Ann married to Isaac Hill, and Elizabeth married to Mr. Allen.

Stephen Palmer married in Stonington, July 16, 1730, Elizabeth Quimby. He died in Coventry between October 4, when his will was drawn and October 30, when it was probated, 1775. Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer's inventory was presented to court February 23, 1776.

They had children:

- 390. i. Joshua,⁸ born April 14, 1731.
- 391. ii. Elizabeth, born February 13, 1733.
- 392. iii. Anna, born April 28, 1735; died 1737.
- 393. iv. Stephen, junior, born January 12, 1737.
- 394. v. James, born August 2, 1739.
- 395. vi. Nathan, born August 10, 1741; died October 29, 1741.
- 396. vii. Nathan, born August 9, 1742.
- 397. viii. Nathaniel, born November 4, 1744.
- 398. ix. William, born August 5, 1746.

148. ABIJAH⁴ PALMER, son of Nehemiah³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Jerusha (Saxton) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 29, 1712. May 10, 1734, Moses Palmer, of Stonington, gave a deed for fifteen acres of land at Mile Hill Brook, to his son-in-law, Abijah Palmer, who had married his daughter, Dorothy Palmer, as a part of her future legacy in his estate. May 13, 1734, Moses Palmer sold, for eighty pounds, an eight acre lot on Mile Brook Hill, to his son-in-law, Abijah Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 451.) March 28, 1767, Abijah Palmer sold for one hundred and thirty pounds to Aaron Fish, of Lebanon, a tract of land and a mansion house in Stoning-

ton, at Long Point, on the east side of the Stonington River. (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, p. 192.) March 3, 1769, he sold for two hundred pounds to Nathaniel Palmer, of Groton, New London County, seven acres of land, together with a saw, grist mills, dwelling, with liberty of the stream of water, said saw mill belonging to the heirs of Nehemiah Palmer, deceased, bounded by land owned by the estate of Nehemiah Palmer, and to the heirs of Nehemiah and Elihu Chesbrough (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, p. 338.)

Abijah Palmer married in Stonington, December 2, 1733, Dorothy, daughter Moses and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, November 20, 1711, died there March 10, 1740; he married (2) in Westerly, Rhode Island, April 10, 1742, Bridget Stanton, daughter of William and Anne Stanton, mentioned in his (William Stanton's) will, 1759; he died in Stonington, March 7, 1793.

They had children:

- 399. i. Jerusha,* born May 16, 1734.
- 400. ii. Lydia, born July 24, 1736.
- 401. iii. Saxton, born January 22, 1737-8.
- 402. iv. Dorothy, born March 2, 1740.

Children by his second wife:

- 403. v. Robert, born January 7, 1743; died December, 1750.
- 404. vi. Simeon, born October 4, 1744.
- 405. vii. Robert, born February 10, 1751; died August 6, 1754.
- 406. viii. Peleg, born January 24, 1755.
- 407. ix. Robert, born August 6, 1756.

152. BRIDGET⁴ PALMER, daughter of Nehemiah³ (*Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Jerusha (Saxton) Palmer, was born in Stonington, April 8, 1721. She married in Stonington, November 5, 1747, Captain John Gallop, a son of Nathaniel and Margaret (Gallop) Gallop, and thus a double descendant from the famous Captain John Gallop who came with the first Dor-

chester immigrants, and was so serviceable in his sea transportation between the new colonies of Rhode Island and Connecticut, his being the only "coastwise vessel" which plied along these shores.

Captain John Gallop was born in Stonington, June 29, 1720; they settled in Plainfield, Windham County, Conn., where he died November 1, 1804, aged 82 years; she died September 2, 1809, aged 88 years.

They had children:

- 408. i. Jerusha^a Gallop, born 1748.
- 409. ii. John Gallop, born 1750.
- 410. iii. Jonathan Gallop, born 1752.
- 411. iv. David Gallop, born 1753 (?).
- 412. v. Margaret Gallop, born —.
- 413. vi. Esther Gallop, died young.

153. JOHN⁴PALMER, son of Moses³ (*Moses,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 19, 1705. He was Ensign in the 6th Company of Militia in Stonington.

February 10, 1727-8, Moses Palmer gave his son John two parcels of land, with the privilege of the "great chamber in my own dwelling house." (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 115.) May 13, 1734, his father gave him land on Mile Brook Hill. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 449.) March 20, 1741-2 his father gave him land on Palmer's Neck, lying between that of Jonathan, Joseph and Daniel Palmer, and his own land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 261.) In 1759 John Palmer, then styled lieutenant, gave for fifty pounds to his son Moses Palmer, five acres of land in the field which was south of John's own dwelling house. (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 237.)

John Palmer married (1) January 18, 1727, Anna Chesbrough, who died March 3, 1727; he married (2) December 26, 1728, Dorothy Noyes, a daughter of Captain Thomas and Elizabeth (Sanford) Noyes, and a grand daughter of Captain Thomas Stanton, who was baptized August 1, 1708.

They had children :

- 414. i. John,¹ born March 21, 1729.
- 415. ii. Moses, born October 29, 1730.
- 416. iii. Noyes, born August 29, 1732.
- 417. iv. Gilbert, born August 30, 1734; died October 17, 1734.
- 418. v. Abigail, born May 11, 1736.
- 419. vi. Anna, born March 4, 1739.
- 420. vii. Dolle, born August 13, 1741.
- 421. viii. Gilbert, born January 8, 1743.
- 422. ix. James, born July 22, 1745.
- 423. x. Amy, born December 2, 1747.
- 424. xi. Elizabeth, born October 16, 1752.

154. AMIE⁴ (AMY) PALMER, daughter of Moses³ (*Moses,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Allen) Palmer was born in Stonington, December 3, 1706. She married in Stonington, February 19, 1723, Jonathan Tracy, son of Jonathan and Anna (Palmer) Tracy, who was born in Preston, Conn., November 30, 1702. She died in Preston, October 13, 1744; he married (2) in 1747, Lucy Avery, of Stonington.

They had children :

- 425. i. Rebecca Tracy,⁵ born September 13, 1726.
- 426. ii. Moses Tracy, born April 3, 1728.
- 427. iii. Samuel Tracy, born February 28, 1731.
- 428. iv. Anna Tracy, born April 1, 1733.
- 429. v. Amie Tracy, born November 13, 1735.
- 430. vi. Lois Tracy, born November 2, 1737; died May 13, 1739.
- 431. vii. Dorothy Tracy, born May 28, 1740; died April 6, 1741.
- 432. viii. Jonathan Tracy, born April 11, 1741.
- 433. ix. Perez Tracy, born June 18, 1744.

156. ABIGAIL⁴ PALMER, daughter of Moses³ (*Moses,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 10, 1709. She married there, July 7, 1721, Nathaniel Tracy, a son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Minor) Tracy, who was born in Preston, New

London County, Conn., March 15, 1707. They resided in Preston and Norwich, Conn.

They had children:

- 434. i. James Tracy.⁵
- 435. ii. Jabez Tracy.
- 436. iii. Prubee Tracy.
- 437. iv. Dorothy Tracy.
- 438. v. Abigail Tracy.

157. DOROTHY⁴ PALMER,, daughter of Moses³ (*Moses,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, was born in Stonington, November 20, 1711. May 10, 1734, Moses Palmer sold to Abijah Palmer for eighty pounds eight acres of land at Mile Brook Hill, which tract was in part of the legacy to his daughter, Dorothy, for his son-in-law, Abijah Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 451.)

Dorothy Palmer married in Stonington, December 2, 1733, Abijah Palmer, son of Nehemiah and Jerusha (Sezton) Palmer, who was born September 29, 1712. (For their children see No. 149.) She died March 10, 1740.

160. SUBMIT⁴ PALMER, daughter of Moses³ (*Moses,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, was born May 3, 1718. She married April 29, 1736, Nehemiah, son of Justice Daniel and Margaret (Smith) Palmer, who was born April 9, 1702; died July 25, 1762. She died January 29, 1793. (See No. 135.)

162. LOIS⁴ PALMER, daughter of Moses³ (*Moses,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Allen) Palmer, was born March 3, 1721-2. She married December 5, 1755, Abiel Gray. They resided in Coventry, Conn.

190. GERSHOM⁴ PALMER, son of Gershom³ (*Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Sarah (Fenner) Palmer, was born in Killingworth about 1701. A deed dated January 18, 1771, was drawn in Saybrook, Conn., whence Mrs.

Sarah Fenner came, in which the land lately owned by Gershom Palmer, deceased, was conveyed from Gershom Palmer to his brother John Palmer, of Killingworth, and by him to his son, John Palmer, junior.

Gershom Palmer married October 3, 1733, Hannah Wilcox. (N. F. Palmer.)

191. JOHN⁴ PALMER, son of Gershom³ (*Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Sarah (Fenner) Palmer, was born in Killingworth, whence he removed to Pauling Precinct, Dutchess County, New York State.

He married in Killingworth, January 18, 1729, Mary Ward.

They had children born in Killingworth:

- 439. i. Ann,⁵ born November 20, 1730, d. y.
- 440. ii. Fenner, born September 16, 1735.
- 441. iii. John, born May 25, 1737.
- 442. iv. Gershom, born August 17, 1740.
- 443. v. Ann, born September 20, 1742.
- 444. vi. Mary, born October 3, 1743.

192. ANNA⁴ PALMER, daughter of Gershom³ (*Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Sarah (Fenner) Palmer. Her will was given into Probate Court in 1734.

193. LUCY⁴ PALMER, daughter of Ichabod³ (*Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Hannah (Stanton) Palmer, was born in Stonington, where she was baptized May 28, 1699. Her father's will was drawn May 8, 1746, and in it he mentions his granddaughters, Lucy Denison and Hannah Chesbrough, their mother, his daughter. Mrs. Hannah Palmer, widow of Captain Ichabod Palmer, made her will February 21, 1736-7; in it she mentions her granddaughters, Lucy Denison, Hannah Palmer. William Chesbrough's will was drawn February 22, 1736-7; in it he mentioned his wife, Lucy and children, Lucy and Hannah, together with his brothers, Nathaniel Palmer and Jonathan

Chesbrough. Lucy Chesbrough's will was made February 28, 1736-7; she said she was sick and weak, mentions her mother, Mrs. Hannah Palmer.

Lucy Palmer married in Stonington, September 18, 1720, William Chesbrough, 2d; she died there March 2, 1736-7; he died there February 23, 1736-7; he was a son of William and Mary (McDowell) Chesbrough, who was born February 1, 1701.

They had children:

- 445. i. Nathaniel¹ Chesbrough, born March 28, 1722; died March 4, 1725-6.
- 446. ii. William Chesbrough, born February 14, 1724; died January 17, 1726-7.
- 447. iii. Daniel Chesbrough, born October 21, 1727; died October 23, 1729.
- 448. iv. Lucy Chesbrough, born August 15, 1729.
- 449. v. Hannah Chesbrough, born July 12, 1732.

194. ICHABOD⁴ PALMER, son of Ichabod³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was baptized January 10, 1703. August 29, 1727, he gave a deed to his son Ichabod, junior, of land at Puckhunganuck which "was given to me and my brothers, by my father, Gershom Palmer, May, 1718, together with a right of land which I bought from my brother Walter." (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 108.) December 22, 1749, Ichabod Palmer, junior, gave a deed to his son Thomas, of one hundred acres of his own land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, p. 114.) January 13, 1748-9, Ichabod Palmer made his will; in it he said he was in perfect health; that his wife Elizabeth was to hold house, etc.; to have the children well educated; mentioned his daughters, Hannah, Mary, Lucy, Bridget; his son Thomas had received his portion; his sons Ichabod, Elias, Sanford and Peleg all under age; gave his mills to his four sons; mentioned his daughter Prudence Shaw, and Elizabeth Avery, his brother-in-law Thomas Noyes. The will was given at Court, November 16, 1749.

He is said to have been six feet six inches in height,

"the tallest and strongest man in all the town." His marriage is thus recorded in the Westerly, Rhode Island, town book: "Westerly, April 29, 1723. Ichabod Palmer came to me to be married to Elizabeth Noyes of Westerly."

This was one of the very few elopements which ever took place in the quiet village of Stonington, and owed its occasion to the fact that Elizabeth Noyes was "of one of the celebrated" old families, "that of the Rev. James Noyes," one of the "Yale's first corporate fraternity, the Newport Sanfords and Governor Brenton." Elizabeth Noyes was a daughter of Captain Thomas and Elizabeth (Sanford) Noyes, and was born in Westerly, October 1, 1706; died in Stonington, December 24, 1760. He died there November 15, 1749.

They had children:

- 450. i. Prudence,^a born February 28, 1723.
- 451. ii. Thomas, born January 27, 1725.
- 452. iii. Elizabeth, born March 25, 1728.
- 453. iv. Ichabod, born August 8, 1730.
- 454. v. Hannah, born December 20, 1733.
- 455. vi. Mary, born July 6, 1736; died July 6, 1754.
- 456. vii. Lucy, born June 26, 1739.
- 457. viii. Elias Sanford, born March 14, 1742.
- 458. ix. Peleg, born June 7, 1745; died May 20, 1753.
- 459. x. Bridget, born January 29, 1748; died April 20, 1753.

197. NATHANIEL⁴ PALMER, son of Ichabod³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born October 1, 1709. May 9, 1860, Nathaniel Palmer, of Groton, New London County, sold for one thousand pounds to Benjamin Clark three hundred and six and one-half acres of land in Stonington, it being all the land that the said Nathaniel Palmer had previously purchased from Benjamin Clark. (Land records, Vol. 7, p. 297.) June 10, 1769, Nathaniel Palmer, of Groton, sold to his son, Nathaniel of Stonington, his own

house, barn and all his lands which were lying in Stonington. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, pp. 18, 19.) By his father's will he received the sword and cane which had formerly been owned by Captain Joseph Saxton. He early removed to Groton, Ct. He married (1) June 9, 1731, Mary (or Mercy) Chesbrough, who was born 1708, died in Groton, June 15, 1768; he married (2) June 18, 1769, in New London, Anna Way. He died May 30, 1790, aged 83 years, and was buried in the family lot in Groton.

They had children:

- 460. i. Anna,^a born March 12, 1732; died May 24, 1799.
- 461. ii. Lucretia, born May 3, 1734.
- 462. iii. Lucy, born September 23, 1737.
- 463. iv. Nathaniel, junior, born December 20, 1740.
- 464. v. David, born June 9, 1742.
- 465. vi. Mary, born July 30, 1744.

198. ELIAS⁴ PALMER, son of Ichabod³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in 1714, baptized May 15, 1715. He married in North Stonington, by the Rev. Joseph Fish, February 26, 1734, Mary Holmes. He died in Stonington, March 13, 1738-9, aged 24 years; she married (2) May 10, 1741, Lieutenant John Randall, and had ten children. She was daughter of Joshua and Fear (Sturges) Holmes, and was born March 19, 1713.

Elias Palmer's children:

- 466. i. Elias,^a born March 5, 1735.
- 467. ii. Marvin, born February 18, 1738-9. (Muriel on town book.)

200. WILLIAM⁴ PALMER, junior, son of William³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Grace (Minor) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 1, 1705. In 1728 his father made over to his three sons, William, Elihu and Wait, his own rights in two parcels of land in Stonington, and William and Wait delivered this to

their brother, Elihu. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 161.) June 11, 1757, William Palmer sold for forty shillings to James Covey, a parcel of land in the Purchase of Catapeset, which was formerly owned by Gershom Palmer, but then was in the possession of Joseph Eggleston and Elijah Wyat, on Glead Brook, by land of William Stewart and Fergus McDowell. (Land records, Vol. 6, p. 82.) In 1758, he gave between thirty and forty acres of land lying by that of Lieutenant Joseph Palmer, to his son, William Palmer the 3d. In 1764, William Palmer, junior, bought for twenty-five pounds of Stephen Billings, fifty acres of land butted by land of William, Gershom, Wait Palmer and of John Chapin. (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, p. 39.) In 1772, he bought for four hundred Spanish milled dollars, fifty acres of land owned by Nathan Kenyon of Charlestown, Mass., butted by Edward Hall's land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 253.) August 11, 1773, he sold to his son, Jonathan Wyat Palmer, for five pounds, fifty acres of land in North Stonington. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 359.) On the same date he made over to his son, William the 3d, thirty-seven acres. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 360.)

William Palmer, junior, married in Stonington, December 16, 1728, Abigail Wyatt, daughter of ———, who died 1784-5. He died at North Stonington in 1831, aged 76 years.

They had children:

- 468. i. Grace,* born July 4, 1729.
- 469. ii. William, 3d, born September 11, 1731.
- 470. iii. Martha, born April 29, 1734.
- 471. iv. Abigail, born August 31, 1736.
- 472. v. Sarah, born July 22, died August 8, 1738.
- 473. vi. Jonathan Wyat, born November 11, 1739.
- 474. vii. Azariah, born May 22, 1742.
- 475. viii. Elijah, born April 4, 1745; died May 9, 1749.
- 476. ix. Borodel, born May 9, 1748.
- 477. x. Barbara, born January 27, 1750.
- 478. xi. Anne, }
- 479. xii. Esther, } twins, born July 1, 1752.

201. ELIHU⁴ PALMER, son of William³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Grace (Minor) Palmer, was baptized December 6, 1706. December 29, 1729, he sold to Daniel Palmer, for two hundred pounds, twenty-seven and three-quarters acres of land in Stonington, lying by land of George Palmer, he then living in Westerly, Rhode Island, and his wife Deborah signs. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 198.) In 1731, he, of Westerly, sold thirty-three and three-quarters acres of land to John Breed, junior, bounded by land of Walter Palmer, deceased, of George Palmer, also deceased, and that of Moses Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 333.) Elihu Palmer married, in Westerly, January 19, 1726-7, Deborah Reynolds.

202. ELDER WAIT⁴ PALMER, son of William³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Grace (Minor) Palmer, was baptized in Stonington, May 27, 1711. He resided on Pendleton Hill, in Stonington, and was devoted to the church interests there.

On April 10, 1772, a deed was drawn wherein his son, Wait Palmer, junior, set forth "whereas my father, Wait Palmer, senior, with my mother, agree to make over to me, in consideration of one hundred and ten pounds, a deed of the farm where on I now dwell on condition that I shall give them one-half of the profits thereof yearly during their natural lives," etc. (Land records, Vol. 12, p. 480.)

Elder Wait Palmer married in 1727, Mary Brown, a daughter of Ebenezer and Ann (Pendleton) Brown, who was born Nov. 28, 1703.

They had children:

- 480. i. Wait,⁵ junior, born May 5, 1728.
- 481. ii. Amos, born August 27, 1729.
- 482. iii. Israel, born January 16, 1730.
- 483. iv. Isaac, born September 15, 1732.
- 484. v. Mary, born May 4, 1735.
- 485. vi. Content, born January 27, 1736-7.

486. vii. Ebenezer, born January 21, 1738-9.

487. viii. Elihu, born March 10, 1741.

203. CHRISTOPHER⁴ PALMER, son of George³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born February 13, 1712. May, 1736, he was appointed ensign of the Second Company of the Train Band of Stonington. March 14, 1735-36, Christopher and Esther Palmer sold for one hundred and fifty pounds fifteen acres of land, butted by that of the heirs of Walter Palmer, to Joseph Breed. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 642.) October 15, 1737, Christopher and Esther Palmer, now of Westerly, Rhode Island, sold for seventy pounds, four acres of land at Palmer's Neck, to Abijah Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 644.) On the same date, he sold another tract of land to Nathaniel and Elias Palmer.

Christopher Palmer married in Stonington, October 27, 1731, Esther Prentice, daughter of Samuel Prentice and Esther (Harmon), who was born in Stonington, December 16, 1713, died in North Stonington, October, 1782, aged 69 years; he died there May, 1790, aged 78 years.

They had children:

488. i. Eunice,⁵ born May 18, 1732.

489. ii. Esther, born March 25, 1734.

490. iii. Christopher, born October 10, 1735.

491. iv. Abel, born January 16, 1736-7.

492. v. George, born December 20, 1738.

493. vi. Sarah, born November 22, 1740.

494. vii. Othniel, born February 13, 1742-3.

495. viii. Lucy, born September 18, 1745.

496. ix. Ruhamah, born September 7, 1747.

497. x. Michael, born November 20, 1752.

204. ZEBULON⁴ PALMER, son of George³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, February 4, 1714. On July 8, 1735, the

lands of George Palmer, deceased, were divided between his sons, Christopher, Zebulon, Joseph, George and Gershom, which were lying on Palmer's Neck by Paquetock Bay. March, 1738-9, Zebulon Palmer sold to Rufus Minor his own division of his late deceased father's estate, fifty acres, and William and Hannah York also gave a quit-claim deed at the same time. (Land records, Vol. 5, p. 104.) December 5, 1741, he sold for six hundred pounds, to John York, one hundred and ten acres of land in North Stonington. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 5, p. 248.) Zebulon Palmer married, May 25, 1737, Comfort Fairbanks, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Holbrook) Fairbanks, who was born in Sherborne, Mass., February 8, 1720 (her name was mentioned in her father's will of April 19, 1754). She died October 20, 1741; he married (2) April 3, 1743, Deborah York.

Children by the first wife:

- 498. i. Lidea,* born March 24, 1738.
- 499. ii. Hannah, born June 19, 1739.
- 500. iii. Zebulon, born March 12, 1741; died November 24, 1760.

Children by the second wife:

- 501. iv. Joshua, born March 12, 1744.
- 502. v. Deborah, born March 29, 1745.
- 503. vi. Gideon, born January 14, 1749-50; died September 18, 1756.
- 504. vii. Paul, born April 1, 1754.
- 505. viii. Jairus, born February 2, 1756.
- 506. ix. Jephtha, born August 14, 1758.
- 507. x. Temperance, born August 16, 1760.

205. JOSEPH⁴ PALMER, son of George³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born August 16, 1717. In 1738, Joseph Palmer, junior, or Joseph 3d, "a son of George Palmer," sold for one hundred and fifty pounds, to Joseph Minor, fifteen

and three-quarters acres of land, lying by Gershom's and Zebulon's share in their deceased father's estate; he then signed as "joiner." (Land records, Vol. 5, p. 84.) His residence was on Pendleton Hill.

July 10, 1737, he married (1) Zipporah Billings, daughter of James and Mary (Hewitt) Billings, who was born October 23, 1715; she died 1765-6; he married (2) Mrs. Elizabeth (Stevens) Stewart. He died April 12, 1791.

They had children:

- 508. i. David,^a born August 30, 1739.
- 509. ii. Ethel, born January 25, 1740.
- 510. iii. Phebe, born September 5, 1742.
- 511. iv. Joseph, born February 1, 1745.
- 512. v. Zipporah, born March 31, 1747.
- 513. vi. Content, born August 8, 1749.
- 514. vii. Gershom.
- 515. viii. Jemima.
- 516. ix. Eunice.
- 517. x. Sabra (by 2d wife), born April 25, 1767.

206. GEORGE⁴ PALMER, junior, son of George³ (*Gershom*,^a *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 6, 1719. He first removed to Coventry, in 1739; went thence to Plainfield, in 1745, to Canaan in 1751, to Norfolk, Litchfield County, in 1760. Later still, he bought five hundred acres of land, on which there were mills, in Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, which were located about three miles distant from the battlefield and the scene of Burgoyne's surrender.

He married (1) April 13, 1739, Hannah Marsh, daughter of James Marsh, who was born in Preston, July 10, 1721, died July 21, 1797; he married (2) Amy Blodgett, who died in Canaan, in 1818; he died at Stillwater, December 15, 1809.

Children, all by the first wife:

- 518. i. Mary,^a born April 19, 1740.

- 519. ii. Lydia, born June 8, 1742.
- 520. iii. James, born March 26, 1745; died August 22, 174.
- 521. iv. Isaac, born May 26, 1751; died August 25, 1757.
- 522. v. Elias, born September 29, 1756.
- 523. vi. Hannah, born September 13, 1760.
- 524. vii. Amy.

207. REV. GERSHOM⁴ PALMER, son of George³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, October 12, 1725. In 1747, he sold land lately belonging to his deceased father, George Palmer. About the year 1786, he removed to that part of Preston which is now known as Griswold, New London County. On January 2, 1789, he, then of Preston, sold to Elias Sanford Palmer and to William Brown, a tract in Stonington, which was lying on Palmer's Neck. (Land records, Vol. 12, p. 138.)

Gershom Palmer, married November 5, 1747, Dorothy Brown, who was born in Preston, and died there March 1, 1808; he died there, November 6, 1810.

They had children:

- 525. i. Prudence,^{*} born August 18, 1748.
- 526. ii. Dolly.
- 527. iii. Zeruah, born in Preston, 1756.
- 528. iv. Naomi.
- 529. v. Esther.
- 530. vi. Reuben, born June 12, 1759.
- 531. vii. Lois, born April 23, 1761.
- 532. viii. Lucretia.
- 533. ix. Keturah.
- 534. x. Amy.

222. WALTER⁴ PALMER, son of Walter³ (*Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Grace (Vose) Palmer, was born in Stonington, July 29, 1717. He married there, December 29, 1736, Mercy Hinckley, a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Lothrop) Hinckley, who were of the Barnstable, Cape Cod, pioneer families, and settled in Ston-

ington, on Hinckley Hill, near the Pawcatuck River, after 1706; Mercy Hinckley was baptized in First Church of Stonington, October 7, 1716; died December 25, 1786; he died November 1, 1785.

They had children:

- 535. i. Walter,* 3d, born September 17, 1739.
- 536. ii. Grace (perhaps oldest child).
- 537. iii. Mary, baptized, March 21, 1742.
- 538. iv. Bathsheba, born July 19, 1743.
- 539. v. Vose, born November 10, 1745; died July 19, 1754.

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226. SAMUEL⁵ PALMER, 3d, son of Samuel,⁴ junior, (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hephsebeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Windham township, September 18, 1711. On December 7, 1741, he, with his father, sold eighty acres of land in the township to Philemon Wood of Ipswich, Mass.

Together with his father, his uncle Seth Palmer and their many near relations, who had lived in that part of the township which had been incorporated as the South or Third Parish of Windham, he embarked in whatever projects were advanced for social, political and financial prosperity. When the great colonization scheme was again started in the State, he seems to have been among the foremost in embracing it.

November 23, 1737, the General Assembly at New Haven ordered the sale of townships bordering on Housatonic River, in the western part of Connecticut. November 15, 1737, in Scaticook, New Haven County, on the west side of the great river in Kent, Samuel Algur, of Scaticook, sold a part of his possessions to Moses Rowley of Sharon, Conn., which land Samuel Algur had owned with William Castle. The Scaticook Indians, original holders of the soil, who still live in the mountain fastnesses of both sides of the boundary line, advancing as far in civilization as to own and cultivate farms, maintain their own schools and churches, on December 8, 1746, as "Signers and dwellers in Caticook annexed to Kent, in the persons of Captain Mayhew and his company, Indians, sold for two hundred pounds to Benjamin Hollister, Robert

Watson and Henry Stephens, said Stephens being one half of the company, a farm or tract of land bounded, begining at the Colony line in New York province, running easterly upon the line dividing this tract from the land which belongs to the York state Indian Elies, called Stephen's land, till it comes to the great river in Kent, and to the land Moses Rowle and Jabez Castle hath purchased and improved, running down this great river to the North West corner of where Cornelius Salisbury now dwells, then to the mountains lying west of the said lands to the first bounds, for nine hundred and ninety-nine years." (Kent Land records, Vol. 1, p. 381.) April 26, 1738, following the order of the General Assembly, a public "Vendue" was held at the Court House of Windham, whither the inhabitants flocked in numbers, and Jonathan Huntington, acting for the government, sold one right in the township which was to be divided into fifty-three equal shares, exclusive of land granted to the college. (*Ibid*, Vol. 1, p. 593.)

In the portion lying along the banks of the "great river in Kent" where the levels are rich and fertile meadows, and the plains rise on either hand in a marvellous series of forest heights which stretch for miles and miles, with sharp declines then up, still up, till there is one vast sweep of towering tree tops, with deep depressions, wherein not a house or sign of human dwelling is discernable, on the valley side, a site was given where they started the first settlement of the present town of Kent. And here on this mountain plateau, twelve tortuous miles straight up from the river plain, a college farm reservation was chosen at what was first known as "the East Greenwich Parish of Kent," then incorporated as the present town of Warren. Here, on November 9, 1750; Ebenezer Palmer, a brother of Samuel, bought for one hundred and twenty-two pounds, ten shillings, the 39th Lot, in the First Division of the Remarque (also spelled the Rawmarque, Wermaque, etc.) Reserve,

which was the beginning of the family migration. March 27, 1754, Samuel Palmer of Mansfield (another strip set off from the old Windham township), bought from his brother Ebenezer, one hundred acres of land in Kent. (Land records, Vol. 2, p. 150.) February 4, 1754, Ichabod Palmer of Kent sold to Samuel of Windham. (*Ibid*, Vol. 2, p. 150.) By 1756, he was settled in Kent and, on January 21, 1761, Samuel Palmer of Kent, bought land of John Swan, Ichabod Palmer, his brother Zebulon Palmer, John Smith of Volunton, and sold all to Francis Tracy of Preston, Conn. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 1.)

A great deal of his land lay along the mountain slopes where the deep timber promised rich returns, where mines were sought and quarries started, and up into the heights running to the great plateau where now the pleasant mountain town of Warren rests from its olden prosperity in a green and lovely old age, along the cleared plain whence the precipitous, jagged roads twist down in seemingly perilous plunges, washed by frequent rains and storm rushes into gullied ways where horse and driver seem in momentary hazard of plunging at headlong speed down the sharp decline into the river bed below.

August 18, 1787, Samuel Palmer of Warren sold for twenty-two pounds to David Wood of Litchfield, County Litchfield, land of which the bounds began at the north-east corner of the 23d lot in the 6th division of Kent now called Warren, sixteen acres, together with the dwelling of Ezekiel Palmer, and "where he now dwells." (Land records, Vol. 1, p. 59.) January 13, 1789, Elnathan Palmer of Orford, New Hampshire, sold for twenty pounds, which were paid by his father, Samuel Palmer, the deed of the house where the said Samuel now dwells in Warren, Conn., with one-half of a sixty-acre lot, one-half of the orchard, and bound himself to leave his father in quiet possession thereof during his natural life, together with that of Tabitha Palmer, his father's now wife, if she should

survive her husband, and as long as she should remain his widow. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 104.) The last deed on record of Samuel Palmer was made February 23, 1795, when he sold to his son, Elnathan, then of Warren, twenty acres of land.

Samuel Palmer, 3d, married in Windham, January 13, 1739, Lydia Silsby, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Allen) Silsby, who was born in Windham, April 11, 1716, died in Mansfield 1753; he married (2) probably in Warren, Tabitha —.

Children by the first wife:

- 540. i. Elijah⁶, born March 21, 1739–40.
- 541. ii. Nathaniel, born March 2, 1742.
- 542. iii. Ezekiel, born December 15, 1744.
- 543. iv. Lydia, born May 11, 1748–9.
- 544. v. Elnathan, born in Mansfield, August 20, 1750.
- 545. vi. Stephen, born in Mansfield, November 29, 1752.

227. EBENEZER⁵ PALMER, son of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Hephsebeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Windham, January 25, 1714. November 9, 1750, he bought of David Smith of Norwich, Conn., the 24th lot of land in Kent, which was originally laid out to James Lasell of Windham. (Land records, Vol. 1, p. 150.) He sold this on the same date to his brother Zebulon. March 14, 1754, he, then of Windham, sold to his brother Zebulon, twenty acres of land in Kent. (*Ibid*, Vol. 2, p. 150.) February 7, 1761, he, then called of Kent, sold his "now dwelling house" and its adjacent land, which touched land belonging to Samuel Palmer, to Abraham Adams. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 91.) December 20, 1767, he was removed to Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, and at that date he bought a fifty acre lot of land in Kent, of Eliezer Curtis of Kent. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 389.) From this time on he was taxed in Kent, or that part called East Greenwich, now Warren, until April 2, 1793, when he sold to Lewis Shores of Danby, Conn., the 4th, the 24th

and the 25th lots of land in Warren and at the same date, he gave a deed of land in Warren to his daughter, Lucy Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 3, p. 164.) Ebenezer Palmer married in Scotland, March 1, 1741, Mary Webb, daughter of Zebulon and Judith (Howard) Webb, who was born in Windham, January 14, 1723-4.

They had children born in Windham:

- 546. i. Lucy,⁶ born April 24, 1742.
- 547. ii. Mary, born and died June 20, 1743.
- 548. iii. Mary, born June 11, 1744.
- 549. iv. Sibel, born July 24, 1749.
- 550. v. Sarah, born July 24, 1749.
- 551. vi. Olive, baptized in Kent July 26, 1752.
- 552. vii. Irena, baptized in Kent, born July 9, 1755.
- 553. viii. Jemima, born in Kent, April 15, 1756-7.

228. ICHABOD⁵ PALMER, son of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hepsibeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Windham, April 17, 1716. February 4, 1754, Ichabod Palmer of Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., sold a tract of land to his father, Samuel Palmer of Windham. (Land records, Vol. 2, p. 153.) In 1761, Ichabod Palmer sold another tract to his father in Kent. With his wife, Phebe, his name occurs once on the town book of Kent, then is dropped.

He married in Scotland parish, November 22, 1738, Phebe Broughton, daughter of John and Tabitha (Kinsley) Broughton, who was born in Windham, March 15, 1721. He died in 1814, aged 97 years.

They had children:

- 554. i. Eunice,⁶ baptized in Scotland Church, August 19, 1740.
- 555. ii. Amos, baptized September 30, 1742.
- 556. iii. Jeremiah, baptized July 19, 1744.
- 557. iv. Elizabeth, baptized June 4, 1747.
- 558. v. Phebe, baptized May 23, 1749.

229. ZEBULON⁵ PALMER, son of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hepsibeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, May 19, 1718. November 29, 1748, he bought, for one hundred and five pounds, of Jabez Swift, the 21st lot of land in the Fifth Division in Kent, at a place called the Wremarque Reserve. (Land records, Vol. 1, p. 339.) His name stood on the tax list in Kent on March, 1750. March 14, 1754, he bought of his brother Ebenezer Palmer, who was then of Windham, twenty acres of land in Kent. In 1765, Zebulon Palmer was living in New Milford, Conn. May 2, 1768, Zebulon Palmer of New Milford bought seven acres of land of Ezekiel Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 395.) In 1780 he had evidently returned to Kent and was on the tax list of East Greenwich. In 1790 the estate of Zebulon Palmer was entered by his then widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer of Washington, Conn. Zebulon Palmer married in Scotland parish, April 25, 1746, Lois Carpenter. He had a second wife, Elizabeth.

Children by his first wife:

- 559. i. Edney⁶ baptized in Scotland First Parish Church, November 1, 1747.
- 560. ii. William, baptized September, 10, 1749.

230. REVEREND JOHN⁵ PALMER, son of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hepsibeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, March 6, 1720-1. Soon after his birth, Scotland parish people of Windham township, began to make a stir for the erection of a separate meeting-house for their own use, and thus free themselves from the difficulties arising from their distance from the old Windham house of worship. But they were such an active, important part of the "Church at the Green" that it was considered very needful to retain them in that membership. To conciliate them, liberty was given them to hire their own minister for the severe winter months wherein

storms and snow-bound ways rendered it often impossible for them to reach the old house. But, very speedily, a new source of trouble arose and they protested against being forced to pay two ministerial rates, one at the Windham parish and another for their own; and the struggle for independence waxed fiercer than before. Samuel Palmer took an active part in all the movements, and in 1735, after the project was carried and a separate meeting-house allowed, the Third Church of Windham township was organized and built, and "eighty-nine members were dismissed from the First and embodied as the Third Church."

After enjoying this independent church work for several years, they were again thrown into serious troubles by the adoption to the Saybrook Platform as a general church standard. "Every church in the Commonwealth of Connecticut was assumed to be subject to the Saybrook Platform." (Miss Larned.) "President Clapp of Yale believed that to educate persons whose principles and practices were directly subversive of the visible church of Christ" (*i. e.*, those who would not subscribe to this platform), "would be contrary to the original design of the college; that it would be a contradiction of the civil government to support a college to educate students to trample on its own laws, wherefore the young men (who had declared against the platform) were summoned to the hall, and for attending separate worship on the Sabbath and refusing to make confession therefore, were formally expelled from the college and commanded to depart from hall and college limits, no more to return." (Miss Larned.)

In Scotland, "a very respectable portion of the church became dissatisfied with the existing discipline and adopted Separate Principles (as this movement was termed), and a Separate Church was organized in the summer of 1746. One of the deacons of the standing church lapsed to the Separatists with other

residents of position and character. For a time they enjoyed the occasional ministration of their favorite ministers, the Paines and Elder Marsh; but when one of their own members, John Palmer, exercised too freely the gift of exhortation, he was summarily arrested by the civil authorities and kept four months in Hartford jail. His imprisonment only increased his zeal, devotion and opposition to the established church, and after farther trial, the church united in calling him to the ministry; and, in May 17, 1749, he was ordained its pastor. Though deficient in education, and somewhat rough in speech and manner, Mr. Palmer was a man of estimable character and sound piety, and under his guidance the Brunswick Church, as it was called, maintained for many years a good standing in the community, comparatively free from those excesses and fanaticisms which marred so many of its contemporaries. No difficulty was found in supporting its worship by voluntary contributions. A church edifice was built, a mile or so southeast of Scotland Village, long known as the Brunswick meeting-house (which was standing in 1850). Mr. Devotion, who was pastor of the established church, was never reconciled to this intrusion within his parochial diocese, but was accustomed, every Sunday morning, to send his negro servant with rescript to the Brunswick meeting-house, forbidding Mr. Palmer or any other unauthorized person to preach therein that day—a prohibition which only served to increase the number of attendants and fan the spirit of separation and opposition.” (Miss Larned.)

Rev. John Palmer married, May 18, 1749, Esther Cleaveland, daughter of Benjamin and Ann (Church) Cleaveland, who was born November 5, 1727, died in Windham, October 28, 1754; he married (2) October 28, 1755, Lydia Eames. He died August 13, 1807.

Children by the first wife:

- 561. i. Levi,⁹ born July 7, 1750.
- 562. ii. Esther, born July 12, 1752-3.

Children by the second wife:

- 563. iii. John,* born September 12, 1756.
- 564. iv. Marshall, born December 24, 1758.
- 565. v. Samuel, born January 6, 1762.
- 566. vi. Lydia, born December 16, 1764.
- 567. vii. David, born April 20, 1769.

231. AARON⁵ PALMER, son of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hephsebeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, March 12, 1722-3. He married, January 10, 1748, in Coventry, Windham County, Conn., Mercy Chapin, perhaps a daughter of Ephraim and Margaret Chapin, of Mansfield, Windham County, Conn.

They had children:

- 568. i. Chloe,* born July 17, 1749.
- 569. ii. Nathan, born September 4, 1751.
- 570. iii. Elijah, born May 7, 1754.
- 571. iv. Mary, born July 28, 1759.

232. MOSES⁵ PALMER, son of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hephsebeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, August 24, 1725-6. December 27, 1748, he bought, then signing as of Windham, for fifty-five hundred pounds, of Joshua Lasell of Windham, one hundred acres of land in Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., which were adjacent to land of Benjamin Brownson. In 1764, Moses Palmer, with his wife Phebe, sold land in East Greenwich, parish of Kent, which had been bequeathed to Phebe in the will of Bela Brownson. Soon after the birth of four children they removed to Orford, New Hampshire, whither his brother Elnathan Palmer had preceded him. In 1777 he was one of the scouting party of Orford, and took an active part in the war.

He married in Kent, by the Rev. Cyrus Marsh, January 4, 1753, Phebe Brownson, perhaps a daughter of Benjamin Brownson; he died in Orford, in 1819, aged 83 years.

They had children, born in Kent:

- 572. i. Patience,^o born July 26, 1754.
- 573. ii. Anne, born June 6, 1757.
- 574. iii. Phebe, born July 11, 1760.
- 575. iv. Moses, junior, born August 12, 1763.

234. ANNE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Samuel⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Hephsebeth (Abbe) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, July 19, 1730. She married Joseph Wood, and they were living in Lebanon, New Hampshire, in 1767.

They had children:

- 576. i. (Rev.) Samuel^o Wood.
- 577. ii. Ephraim Wood.
- 578. iii. (Captain) Joseph Wood.
- 579. iv. Roger Wood.
- 580. v. Benjamin Wood.
- 581. vi. John Wood.
- 582. vii. (Rev.) Luther Wood.
- 583. viii. A daughter, m. — Marsh.
- 584. ix. A daughter, m. — Coleman.

235. ELIZABETH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Seth⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter,¹*) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, August 15, 1721. She married there, November 11, 1752, Josiah Kinsley, junior, son of Josiah and Dorothy (Bingham) Kinsley, who was born October 31, 1724.

They had :

- 585. Elizabeth^o Kinsley, born February 24, 1753-4.

236. MARY⁵ PALMER, daughter of Seth⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, October 17, 1723. She married there, August 16, 1744, Elisha Hebard, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Crane) Hebard, who was born December 11, 1719.

They had children:

- 586. i. Ithamar^e Hebard, born June 7, 1745.
- 587. ii. Ann Hebard, born August 16, 1747.
- 588. iii. Elizabeth Hebard, born July 18, 1749.
- 589. iv. Mary Hebard, born January 22, died March 30, 1752.
- 590. v. Ebenezer Hebard, born June 9, 1755.
- 591. vi. Irena Hebard, born October 25, 1757.
- 592. vii. Elizabeth Hebard, born December 21, 1759.
- 593. viii. Sarah Hebard, born October 10, 1762.
- 594. ix. Bulah Hebard, born June 24, 1764.
- 595. x. Elias Hebard, born June 29, 1770.

237. ABIGAIL⁵ PALMER, daughter of Seth⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*,¹) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born January 9, 1725. She married in Scotland parish, January 20, 1746-7, Isaiah Kinsley, son of Amos and Ruth (Adams) Kinsley, who was born June 11, 1725.

They had children:

- 596. i. Isaiah⁶ Kinsley, born September 2, 1747.
- 597. ii. David Kinsley, born June 22, 1748-9.
- 598. iii. Phineas Kinsley, born December 21, 1750.
- 599. iv. Abigail Kinsley, born November 22, 1753.

238. HANNAH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Seth⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*,¹) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born March 1, 1727. She married, as his third wife, Joshua Read, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Palmer) Read, who was born August 21, 1716; married (1) December 26, 1745, Hannah Follett; married (2) July 2, 1751, Dorothy Woodward. Mrs. Hannah (Palmer) Read died in Scotland parish, June 13, 1755, or one year after her marriage.

240. ESTHER⁵ PALMER, daughter of Seth⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*,¹) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born June 1, 1730. She married in Scotland, January 12, 1748-9, Reuben Robinson, son of Benjamin and Jerusha (Bingham) Robinson, who was born in Scotland, January 17, 1725.

They had children :

- 600. i. Esther^e Robinson, born July 18 ; died July 19, 1749.
- 601. ii. Zipporah Robinson, born January 31, 1750-1.
- 602. iii. Zopher Robinson, born February 19, 1753.
- 603. iv. Clifford Robinson, born February 8, 1756.
- 604. v. Reuben Robinson, born January 13, 1759.
- 605. vi. Hannah Robinson, born February 12, 1761.
- 606. vii. Esther Robinson, born February 6, 1764.
- 607. viii. Asenath Robinson, born June 26, 1766.
- 608. ix. Eliel Robinson, born September 24, 1768.

242. SETH⁵ PALMER, son of Seth⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born May 4, 1734. February 19, 1759, Seth Palmer gave his son, Seth Palmer, junior, twenty acres of land. (Land records, Vol. M, p. 27.) December 5, 1757, Seth Palmer, senior, gave his son Seth, a part of "the land he now lives on, in the West or Third Society of Windham. (*Ibid*, Vol. L, p. 443.) January 21, 1762, Seth Palmer, with his wife Alice, sold for twenty pounds to Jacob Bernat, a tract of land which came to them from her father, John Manning, deceased, they reserving the dower right of the widow. (*Ibid*, Vol. M, p. 192.) Seth Palmer, junior, married June 14, 1756, Alice Manning, daughter of John and Abigail Manning, who (name spelled Ellis) was born August 1, 1732, died November 26, 1794. He died July 14, 1804.

243. JOSEPH⁵ PALMER, son of Seth⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Cary) Palmer, was born February 23, 1736. February 19, 1759, his father gave him a portion of land which adjoined a tract given at the same date to his brother, Seth Palmer, junior. He married in Scotland, April 27, 1758, Abigail Lasel, daughter of Isaac and Bethiah (Woodward) Lasell, who was born April 6, 1740, died April 14, 1809; he died April 7, 1824.

They had children:

- 609. i. Isaac,⁶ born April 19, 1759; died January 24, 1767.
- 610. ii. Joseph, born January 13, 1761.
- 611. iii. Abigail (twin with Joseph).
- 612. iv. Zenas, born May 25, 1764.
- 613. v. Calvin, born September 1, 1766.
- 614. vi. Alithea, born June 21, 1769.
- 615. vii. Seth, 3d, born May 12, 1771.
- 616. viii. Isaac, born Aug. 10, 1773.
- 617. ix. Ephraim, born June 15, 1776.
- 618. x. Elizabeth, born June 12, 1778.
- 619. xi. Hannah, born December 30, 1780.
- 620. xii. Esther, born August 8, 1783.

245. ELIPHALET⁵ PALMER, son of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born in Scotland, May 25, 1725. December 27, 1756, he, with his brother, Eleazer, junior, sold land lying by the stream east of Beaver Brook, to Seth Palmer. (Land records, Vol. L, p. 403.) January 6, 1775, he bought for two hundred and eleven pounds one hundred and twenty-one acres of land of Dan Lothrop. (*Ibid*, Vol. O, p. 421.) January 1, 1773, he bought one hundred and forty acres of land with a mansion house of Daniel Hubbard and David Green of Boston, in the First Society of Windham. (*Ibid*, Vol. D, p. 109.) January 6, 1775, he bought from Nathaniel Wales the 3d, a part of the Joseph Decker farm in Windham. (*Ibid*, Vol. P, p. 211.) March 5, 1808, Mrs. Mercy Palmer gave a deed "for life" to Eliphalet Palmer, of a farm in Scotland which contained the west part of the present dwelling of the said Eliphalet. (*Ibid*, Vol. V, p. 250.) Eliphalet Palmer died before 1813.

246. ELEAZER⁵ PALMER, junior, son of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born July 7, 1726. April 8, 1751, his father gave a deed of ten acres of land to his two sons, Eliphalet and Eleazer, junior. (Land records, Vol. K.)

Eleazer Palmer married (1) May 5, 1756, Mary Bingham, who died September 9, 1760; he married (2) November 8, 1770, widow Mary Eaton (née Allen).

Children by first wife:

- 621. i. ii. Twin^e daughters, who were born and died November 30, 1756.
- 622. iii. A son, born and died August 24, 1757.
- 623. iv. Elizabeth, born January 15, 1759.

Children by the second wife:

- 624. v. Zuriel, born November 14, 1771.
- 625. vi. Beriah, born March 24, 1773; died April 5, 1773.
- 626. vii. Mary, born June 6, 1775; died September 12, 1800.
- 627. viii. Azel, born August 12, 1777.
- 628. ix. Eunice, born February 27, 1781.
- 629. x. Eleazer, 3d, born September 1, 1785.

248. ZURVIAH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born February 24, 1730-1. She married, February 14, 1748-9, Experience Robinson, son of —; he died September 10, 1807. She died June 9, 1806.

They had children:

- 630. i. James^e Robinson, born and died November 21, 1749-50.
- 631. ii. Tryphena Robinson, born February 21, 1750; died January 10, 1755.
- 632. iii. James Robinson, born November 30, 1752.
- 633. iv. Tryphena Robinson, born July 20, 1755.
- 634. v. Elias Robinson, born August 14, 1757.
- 635. vi. Alathea Robinson, born July 17, 1760.
- 636. vii. Andrew Robinson, born August 1, 1762.
- 637. viii. Lydia Robinson, born January 3, 1768.

249. ENOS⁵ PALMER, son of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born July 12, 1732. He married, March 21, 1764, Jerusha Webb, daughter of Ebenezer and Ruth (Crane) Webb; who was born in 1744.

They had children:

- 638. i. Eliphalet,⁶ born December 11, 1764.
- 639. ii. James, born October 4, 1767; died February 14, 1773.
- 640. iii. Irene, born November 7, 1770; died May 27, 1771.
- 641. iv. Irena, born June 8, 1772.
- 642. v. James, born and died young, about 1773.
- 643. vi. Jerusha, born July 17, 1774.
- 644. vii. Sally.
- 645. viii. James, born October 1, 1778.

251. JERUSHA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born April 9, 1737. She married, January 15, 1764, Nathan Robinson, son of Peter and Ruth (Fuller) Robinson, who was born July 19, 1736-7.

They had children:

- 646. i. Salome⁶ Robinson, born June 11, 1764.
- 647. ii. Vienna Robinson, born February 14, 1766.
- 648. iii. Newell Robinson, born March 24, 1767.
- 649. iv. Rowena Robinson, born January 2, 1769; died October 2, 1775.
- 650. v. Adrian Robinson, born August 27, 1770.
- 651. vi. Nathan Robinson, born August 5, 1772.
- 652. vii. Rufus Robinson, born September 18, 1774.
- 653. viii. Roswell Robinson, born January 17, 1776.

252. MEHITABLE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Eliezer⁴ (*Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born in Scotland, September 8, baptized September 19, 1739. She married April 7, 1763, Abner Robinson, son of Peter and Ruth (Fuller) Robinson, who was born February 22, 1738, died November 24, 1815.

They had children:

- 654. i. Philena⁶ Robinson, born March 24, 1764.
- 655. ii. Lois Robinson, born November 15, 1765.
- 656. iii. Mehitabel Robinson, born January 29, 1768.
- 657. iv. Abner Robinson, born March 1, 1770.
- 658. v. Mary Robinson, born April 10, 1772; died November 22, 1775.

659. vi. Elizabeth Robinson, born August 6, 1774.

660. vii. Septimus Robinson, born April 14, 1777.

661. viii. Polly Robinson, born March 30, 1780.

253. TRYPHENA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Marry (Lillie) Palmer, was born May 4, 1741. She married, November 24, 1762, Ellphaz Kinsley, son of Josiah and Dorothy Kinsley, who was born February 8, 1740.

They had children:

662. i. Urane⁶ Kinsley, born August 23, 1763.

663. ii. Jerusha Kinsley, born March 20, 1765.

664. iii. Abner Kinsley, born March 10, 1767.

254. HANNAH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Eleazer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born April 23, 1743. She married May 18, 1761, Samuel Dodge, son of Amos and Mary (Webb) Dodge, who was born April 3, 1731.

255. JOSIAH⁵ PALMER, son of Eliezer⁴ (*Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Lillie) Palmer, was born February 10, 1744-5. January 26, 1780, he with his wife Phebe, gave a quit-claim deed to Joel Manning, of all their rights in the Third Society of Windham, "which is a part of the farm that Joseph Manning, father of the said Phebe Palmer, died seized of," two and a half acres of land on the Canterbury road. (Land records, Vol. P, p. 549.) Josiah Palmer married, May 22, 1770, Phebe Manning, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Webb) Manning, who was born April 14, 1748.

They had children:

665. i. Erastus,⁶ born July 29, 1772.

666. ii. Andrew, born October 19, 1774.

667. iii. Phebe, born January 15, 1777.

668. iv. Elias, born July 7, 1780.

669. v. Oliver, baptized August 3, 1783.

670. vi. Orrin, baptized October 11, 1789.

272. SHUBAEL⁵ PALMER, son of Gershom⁴ (*Jonah*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Spencer) Palmer, was born in Windham, January 4, 1720-1. In 1751, his father made over a tract of land to him. He married, August 20, 1752, Sibyl Bingham, daughter of Abel and Abigail (Moulton) Bringham, who was born in Windham; she died May 2, 1771; he died September 5, 1751, aged 51 years.

They had children:

671. i. Elizabeth,⁶ born June 25, 1753.

672. ii. Asenath, born March 25, 1755.

673. iii. A child, born and died February, 1757.

674. iv. Jonah, born June 2, 1758.

675. v. Delight, born October 28, 1760.

676. vi. Josiah, born April 1, 1763.

677. vii. A child, born and died February 4, 1765.

678. viii. Gershom, born December 29, 1766.

679. ix. Sibyl, born November 29, 1768.

The distribution of Josiah's estate shows that there was another daughter named Lucena.

283. ELIHU⁵ PALMER, son of Elihu⁴ (*Jonah*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Robinson) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, February 9, 1727-8. He married, August 11, 1752, Lois Foster and resided in Scotland.

They had children:

680. i. Eunice,⁶ born June 4, 1753, died October 18, 1754.

681. ii. Thadeus, born August 16, died September 5, 1754.

682. iii. Eunice, born August 25, 1755.

683. iv. Hannah, born July 1, 1757.

684. v. Thaddeus, born June 22, 1759.

685. vi. Lois, born April 20, 1761.

686. vii. A child, born and died June 4, 1763.

687. viii. Elihu, born August 7, 1764.

688. ix. Olive, born October 22, 1766.

689. x. Nathan, born April 6, 1769.

285. JONAH⁵ PALMER, son of Elihu⁴ (*Jonah*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Robinson) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, July 23, 1731. The estate of Captain Jonah Palmer was apportioned January 9, 1802, and the heirs were his widow Abiah, and children Vaniah, Desire Wilson, Wealthy, Abigail and Abiah. He married, October 31, 1754, Abiah Robinson, daughter of Thomas and Anna Robinson, who was born May 16, 1727.

They had children:

- 696. i. Jonah,⁶ born November 18; died November 24, 1755.
- 697. ii. Vaniah, born February 17, 1758.
- 698. iii. William, born October 15, 1759; died November 12, 1773.
- 699. iv. Desire, born November 5, 1761.
- 700. v. Welthea, born November 4, 1763.
- 701. vi. Abigail, born June 25; died November 26, 1765.
- 702. vii. Abigail, born January 6, 1768.
- 703. viii. Abiah, born October 11, 1769.
- 704. ix. Eli, born April 4, 1772; died November 13, 1775.

286. ABIGAIL⁵ PALMER, daughter of Elihu⁴ (*Jonah*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Robinson) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, March 26, 1733. She married, November 13, 1755, Peter Robinson, son of Peter and Ruth (Fuller) Robinson, who was born May 19, 1730. She died September 20, 1774, aged 42 years; he married (2) March 14, 1755, Sarah West, he died July 8, 1778.

Children by the first wife:

- 705. i. Rosamond⁶ Robinson, born August 26, 1756.
- 706. ii. Rhoda Robinson, born April 25; died November 19, 1761.
- 707. iii. Arad Robinson, born December 3, 1762; died July 16, 1778.
- 708. iv. Peter Robinson, born May 15, 1766.
- 709. v. Patrick Robinson, born April 7, 1768.
- 710. vi. Abigail Robinson, born August 8, 1772.

291. **PHEBE⁵ PALMER**, daughter of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, November 22, 1717. She married in Stonington, October 26, 1735, George Darrow.

They had children:

- 711. i. Phebe⁶ Darrow, born April 18, 1737.
- 712. ii. Joseph⁵ Darrow, born April 7, 1739; died May 2, 1740.
- 713. iii. Ichabod Darrow, born August 2, 1741; died April 17, 1741.
- 714. iv. George Darrow, born August 16, 1743.
- 715. v. Mary Darrow, born August 8, 1745.
- 716. vi. Frances Darrow, born March 1, 1748.
- 717. vii. Joseph Darrow, born May 30, 1751.
- 718. viii. John Darrow, born December 17, 1753.
- 719. ix. Elizabeth Darrow, born December 14, 1755.
- 720. x. Lydia Darrow, born November 30, 1758.

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292. **JOSEPH⁵ PALMER**, son of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, October 30, 1719. March 19, 1746, Joseph Palmer, junior, of Voluntown, in consideration of a deed of even date, gave his father, Joseph Palmer, sixty acres of land in Stonington, for which the father gave him a deed of one half of his own farm where he was then living in Voluntown. (Land records, Vol. 5, p. 535.) May, 1755, he was appointed Lieutenant of the Sixth Company of the Stonington Militia. October, 1758, he was made captain of the same company. March 20, 1760, Joseph Palmer bought from James Bebee fifty-one acres of land in Stonington. (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 760.) This same year he was drowned. December 23, 1762, the Probate Court of Windham County decreed the division of his estate, and this was distributed among his heirs, May 13, 1763. September 18, 1765, his widow had also deceased, and the land which she had held in Stonington was divided among their children. (Plainfield Probate books, Vol. E, p. 29, 381.)

Joseph Palmer married in Stonington, November 7, 1741, Catherine Coats, who was born 1723, died in Voluntown, January 18, 1765, aged 42 years. He was drowned May 26, 1760, aged 41 years.

They had children:

- 721. i. (Captain) Joseph,* born July 22, 1742.
- 722. ii. William, born January 22, 1744.
- 723. iii. Phebe, born October 5, 1745; died May 7, 1746.
- 724. iv. (Captain) Amos, born March 11, 1747.
- 725. v. Phebe, born April 15, 1749.
- 726. vi. Elijah, born September 23, 1750.
- 727. vii. Elisha, born September 23, 1752.
- 728. viii. Jonathan, born February 12, 1753.
- 729. ix. Hannah, born February 2 (9), 1755.
- 730. x. Benjamin, born February 26, 1757.
- 731. xi. (Captain) David, born December 29, 1758.
- 732. xii. Thomas, born August 26, 1760, three months after his father's death.

298. JONATHAN⁶ PALMER, son of Joseph⁴ (*Joseph,⁵ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 18, 1730. January 23, 1777, Joseph Palmer, of Voluntown, gave a deed to the widow, Mrs. Mary Palmer of Stonington, of three and a quarter acres of land lying in Stonington which had been set off in the settlement of the estate of Joseph Palmer, late deceased. On December 9, 1766, the widow, Freeloze Palmer of Voluntown, as executrix of the will of Jonathan Palmer, late deceased, of Voluntown, owning land in common with Gershom Palmer, in Stonington, sold for twelve pounds to William Palmer, one half of a tract of land which was one-half part of a tract that Jonathan Palmer and Gershom Palmer had formerly bought from James Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 8, p. 171.) September 3, 1765, Joseph Palmer of Voluntown was appointed as guardian of Jonathan, Hannah, David and Thomas Palmer, all minors, children of Jonathan Palmer, late deceased. (Plainfield Probate records, Vol. E, p. 395.)

Jonathan Palmer married in Voluntown, May 5, 1749, by Joseph Palmer, Justice of the Peace, Free-love Herrick; he died in Voluntown, August 5, 1765; she married (2) in Stonington, December 11, 1766, Collings York, of Stonington.

Children by Jonathan Palmer:

- 733. i. Jonathan,^a junior.
- 734. ii. Hannah.
- 735. iii. Benjamin.
- 736. iv. David.
- 737. v. Thomas.

301. GERSHOM^a PALMER, son of Benjamin,^a *Joseph,^a Nehemiah,^a Walter¹*) and Rebecca (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Coventry, Windham County, Conn., February 13, 1717. He married in Coventry, February 2, 1737-8, Mehitable Badger, who died there September 22, 1760; he married (2) Elizabeth —.

Children by the first wife:

- 738. i. Gershom,^a junior, born December 5, 1738.
- 739. ii. Abigail, born April 20, 1742.
- 740. iii. Elias, born January 5, 1744.
- 741. iv. Rebecca, born March 27, 1747.
- 742. v. Amos, born February 15, 1749.
- 743. vi. Mehitable, born August 10, 1750.
- 744. vii. Benjamin, born January 7, 1755.
- 745. viii. Abel, born August 12, 1757.

Child by the second wife:

- 746. ix. Sally, born April 28, 1767.

303. NATHAN^a PALMER, son of Benjamin,^a (*Joseph,^a Nehemiah,^a Walter¹*) and Rebecca (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Coventry, Conn., November 27, 1723. He married there, November 6, 1745, Grace Palmer.

They had children born in Coventry:

- 747. i. Grace,^a born May 4, 1747.
- 748. ii. Ann, born November 15, 1749.

304. JOHN⁵ PALMER, son of Benjamin⁴ (*Joseph³ Nehemiah² Walter¹*) and Rebecca (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Coventry, February 14, 1725. His will was drawn January 24, 1755; in it he mentions his brother, Gershom Palmer; his own wife Abigail; that he was then very sick; appoints his wife executrix, gives her "forever" his household goods, the black mare, all the horned cattle, eight sheep, together with the use and benefit of the mansion house and one-half of the land "as long as she remained his widow." His eldest son John to have a double share, daughters Hannah, Mehitabel and the child "my wife now goes with." The will was given to the Court of Probate in Windham, February 3, 1755.

John Palmer married in Coventry, September 7, 1748, Abigail Boynton, daughter of Zechariah and Sarah (Wyckham) Boynton, born June 17, 1729. He died in Coventry, January 26, 1755. She married (2) January 27, 1757, Captain James Chamberlain.

They had children born in Coventry:

- 749. i. Hannah⁶, born May 21, 1749.
- 750. ii. John, junior, born June 22, 1751.
- 751. iii. Mehitabel, born July 13, 1753.
- 752. iv. Abigail (posthumous), born July 22, 1755.

305. BENJAMIN⁵ PALMER, son of Benjamin⁴ (*Joseph³ Nehemiah² Walter¹*) and Ruth (Bidwell) Palmer was born in Coventry, October 10, 1729. He entered Yale College, whence he was graduated in 1750, then began a course in medicine and received his doctor's degree. When he began his medical practice he settled in the town of Ashford, Windham County, where he was admitted to the church July 11, 1762, and was soon elected to the deaconship. He married in Ashford, November 11, 1755, Esther Hayward. His estate was settled about the year 1789.

They had children:

- 753. i. Joseph⁶, born November 8, 1756.

- 754. ii. Benjamin, born March 26, 1759.
- 755. iii. John, born March 12, 1761.
- 756. iv. Esther, born February 16, 1763.
- 757. v. Rachel, born March 19, 1765.
- 758. vi. Nathan, born November 28, 1766.
- 759. vii. Elihu, born August 14, 1768.
- 760. viii. Ruth, born May 17, 1770.
- 761. ix. James, born May 28, 1777.

[Ashford town records.]

320. COLONEL JONATHAN⁵ PALMER, son of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Prudence (Holmes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 5, 1746. He was the first postmaster, first collector and the first surveyor. "His commission as collector of the port of Stonington, was dated at Philadelphia, 1791, and was signed by George Washington as President and Thomas Jefferson as Secretary; while his commission as the Naval Officer was signed by Matthew Griswold, Governor of the State of Connecticut, and his commission as Postmaster of Stonington was from Timothy Pickering, Postmaster-General, was dated at Philadelphia in 1792. He was highly esteemed, not only by his own citizens but by those who occupied high places in the land." (N. F. Palmer.) Colonel Jonathan Palmer married in Stonington, November, 1782, Lucinda Smith, daughter of Oliver and Zerviah (Bingham) Smith, who was born 1765, died February 3, 1824, aged 59 years; he died January 2, 1810, "at the age of 64, loved and respected by the entire community." April 16, 1812, Mrs. Lucinda Palmer, executrix of the will of Colonel Jonathan Palmer sold a tract of land at Long Point, bounded by land of Captain Amos Palmer to Lodovick Niles.

In 1835 Jonathan Palmer of Philadelphia sold for six hundred dollars to S. P. Denison six acres of land in Stonington, butted by land of the heirs of Captain Amos Palmer's land, which was formerly owned by my late deceased father, Colonel Jonathan Palmer of Stonington.

Colonel Jonathan and Lucinda Palmer had children:

- 762. i. Lucinda⁴, born 1782.
- 763. ii. Sarah, born 1784.
- 764. iii. Sophia, born 1787.
- 765. iv. Olivia, born 1789.
- 766. v. Edward.
- 767. vi. Jonathan, junior, born 1793.
- 768. vii. Lucretia, born 1795.
- 769. viii. Oliver.
- 770. ix. Albert.
- 771. x. Godfrey, born 1803.

328. CAPTAIN ROBERT⁵ PALMER, the son of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Prudence (Holmes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 4, 1761. He was a captain in the navy, and rose to the rank of Commodore, succeeding Perry in command of the ships on Lake Erie. He married, September 29, 1765, Martha Williams, daughter of John and Keturah (Randall) Williams, who was born February 25, 1767.

331. MARY⁶ PALMER, daughter of Oliver⁴ (*Jonathan*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Marcy (Mannering) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 22, 1753. In her father's will of April 2, 1781, she, with her husband Noah Grant, was mentioned; her husband, with his brother-in-law, Robert Stanton, receiving a legacy of the farm tools. She married, August 11, 1771, Noah Grant, son of Noah and Hannah (Miner) Grant, who was born January 28, 1747.

They had children :

- 772. i. Noah⁶ Grant, born February 22, 1772.
- 773. ii. Patty Grant, born October 22, 1773.
- 774. iii. Polly Grant, born September 6, 1777.
- 775. iv. Roswell Grant, born November 17, 1779.
- 776. v. Russell Grant, born September 17, 1784.
- 777. vi. Miner Grant, born July 28, 1787.
- 778. vii. Lucinda Grant, born October 31, 1791.

337. NEHEMIAH⁵ PALMER, son of Nehemiah⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Submit (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 2, 1738. He removed to Brookfield, Chenango County, New York. He married in Stonington, May 1, 1759, Mary Chesbrough, daughter of Colonel Amos and Desire (Densison) Chesbrough, who was born in Stonington, May 1, 1741, died in Brookfield in 1830, aged 89 years; he died there February, 1829, aged 91 years.

They had children:

- 779. i. Mary,⁶ born March 29, 1760.
- 780. ii. Priscilla, born November 27, 1762.
- 781. iii. (Captain) Nehemiah, born July 11, 1764.
- 782. iv. Elijah, born March 18, 1766.
- 783. v. Lois, born March 24, 1768.
- 784. vi. Amos Chesbrough, born November 18, 1770.
- 785. vii. Desire, born September 30, 1772.
- 786. viii. Sabra, born July 6, 1774.
- 787. ix. Joshua, born May 11, 1776.
- 788. x. Sarah, born October 2, 1777.
- 789. xi. Submit, born February 8, 1781.
- 790. xii. Warren, born April 11, 1784.
- 791. xiii. Huldah, born March 18, 1787.

339. ELIJAH⁵ PALMER, son of Nehemiah⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Submit (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 12, 1742. January 15, 1768, Nehemiah Palmer of Stonington sold to his brother Elijah, one-half of the estate left by our late deceased father, Nehemiah Palmer, with the exception of the saw mill. (Land records, Vol. 8, p. 248.) January 24, 1773, Joseph and Lois Hilliard sold for sixty pounds their share of the estate of their father, Nehemiah Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 386.) March 30, 1791, Elijah Palmer, executor of the will of Captain Daniel Fish, for eleven pounds given to Reuben Palmer by this will, rents to Reuben for one year, a small farm at Wequetequock, which was Fish's farm, together with all the buildings, etc. (*Ibid*, Vol. 11, p.

184.) In 1804, Elijah Palmer sold for six hundred dollars to Robert Chesbrough and William Cairnes of New York a dwelling and store at Long Point, in Stonington, with twenty-six acres of land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 15, p. 96.) In 1806, Elijah Palmer sold for one hundred dollars, or rather gave a mortgage deed, to Mr. Dudley, of land at Long Point, on the street by my own dwelling and that of Jonathan Palmer. In 1806 with his brother Reuben, he sold to Jabez Holmes. (*Ibid*, Vol. 15, pp. 256, 257.)

Elijah Palmer married (1) September 27, 1767, Anna Chesbrough, daughter of Nathan and Bridget (Noyes) Chesbrough, who was born 1747, died October 10, 1802; he married (2) widow Louise (Fox) Holmes.

Elijah and Anna Palmer had children :

- 792. i. Elijah,⁶ born May 21, 1768.
- 793. ii. Anna, born September 7, 1770.
- 794. iii. Nehemiah, born September 17, 1772.
- 795. iv. Dudley, born August 7, 1774.
- 796. v. Anna.
- 797. vi. Esek H., born December 7, 1777.
- 798. vii. Gurdon.
- 799. viii. Abigail, born March, 1784; died June 11, 1786.
- 800. ix. Rhoda, born 1786.
- 801. x. Dela, born 1789; died August 21, 1791.

340. SUBMIT⁵ PALMER, daughter of Nehemiah⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Submit (Palmer) Palmer, was born January 12, 1744. She married in Stonington, January 10, 1763, Samuel Chesbrough, son of Joseph and Mrs. Thankful (Thompson) Hinckley Chesbrough, who was born March 25, 1743, died in Stonington, September 9, 1811; she died there December 12, 1835, aged 91 years.

They had children :

- 802. i. Jesse⁶ Chesbrough, born June 20, 1765.
- 803. ii. Thankful Chesbrough, born July 24, 1766.
- 804. iii. Elias Chesbrough, born April 13, 1768.

- 805. iv. Ezra Chesbrough, born December 27, 1769.
- 806. v. Simeon Chesbrough, born December 7, 1771.
- 807. vi. Reuben Chesbrough, born April 30, 1773.
- 808. vii. Lois Chesbrough, born June 14, 1775.
- 809. viii. Sabra Chesbrough, born November 23, 1777.
- 810. ix. Submit Chesbrough, born January 10, 1780.
- 811. x. Joseph Chesbrough, born January 21, 1782.
- 812. xi. Rhoda Chesbrough, born October 27, 1783.
- 813. xii. Mercy Chesbrough, born July 27, 1785.
- 814. xiii. Samuel Chesbrough, born November 25, 1788.

342. DANIEL⁵ PALMER, son of Nehemiah⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Submit (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 17, 1749. He went to Guilford, Chenango County, New York, about the year 1780. He married Zerviah —.

They had children baptized in Stonington :

- 815. i. Daniel,⁶ baptized June 18, 1780.
- 816. ii. Submit, baptized August 20, 1781.

343. LOIS⁵ PALMER, daughter of Nehemiah⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Submit (Palmer) Palmer, was born September 7, 1751. She married (1) January 2, 1771, Joseph Hilliard, son of Oliver and Sarah Hilliard, who was born 1744, died April 5, 1776; she married (2) October 5, 1777, John Chesbrough.

344. REUBEN⁵ PALMER, son of Nehemiah⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Submit (Palmer) Palmer, was born August 1, 1753. He married, May 17, 1784, Zerviah Stanton, daughter of Phineas and Zerviah (Eldridge) Stanton, born in Groton, November, 27, 1765.

They had children :

- 817. i. Reuben.⁶
- 818. ii. Polly.
- 819. iii. Abby.

347. SAMUEL⁵ PALMER, son of Daniel⁴ (*Daniel,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Voluntown, November 20, 1731. He died before his father's estate was distributed, and his children were all mentioned in the will of his younger brother, Joseph Palmer, in 1780. Samuel Palmer married January 19, 1754-5 Lucretia Fish; he died in Voluntown, January 19, 1773, in his 52d year.

They had children :

- 820. i. Rebecca,* born May 25, 1756.
- 821. ii. Lucretia, born September 13, 1757.
- 822. iii. Elizabeth, born September 19, 1759.
- 823. iv. Margaret, born January 4, 1761.
- 824. v. Daniel, born September 22, 1763.
- 825. vi. Joseph, born March 22, 1787.

350. LYDIA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Daniel⁴ (*Daniel,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born May 13, 1738. She married Captain Joseph Palmer, son of Joseph and Catharine (Coates) Palmer, who was born July 22, 1742. (See number 698.)

351. REBECCA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Daniel⁴ (*Daniel,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born April 24, 1742. She was mentioned in the settlement of her father's estate and in the will of her brother Joseph Palmer, in which a legacy of four pounds was left to her son, Joseph Sherman.

Rebecca Palmer married, as his second wife, April 24, 1766, Daniel Sherman, son of Daniel Sherman, who was born in South Kingston, Rhode Island, August 27, 1735, died there in 1828; she died there December 11, 1793, aged 51 years.

They had children:

- 826. i. George* Sherman, born March 24, 1767.
- 827. ii. Palmer Sherman, born April 12, 1768.
- 828. iii. Hannah Sherman, born November 14, 1769.

829. iv. Huldah Sherman, born January 9, 1772.
 830. v. Susannah Sherman, born November 8, 1774.
 831. vi. Eunice Sherman, born April 10, 1777.
 832. vii. Joseph Sherman, born, August 22, 1779.
 833. viii. John P. Sherman, born August 30, 1780.

352. JOSEPH⁵ PALMER, son of Daniel⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Palmer) Palmer, was born December 27, 1744. His will was drawn in Voluntown, February 21, 1780, carried into the Probate Court, and registered at Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut, April 29, 1780. In it he mentioned his wife, Mrs. Content Palmer, and gave her one-third of his estate; Benjamin Palmer "my brother-in-law" was to have all the rest of the estate not elsewhere bestowed; his sister Rebecca Sherman's son, Joseph Sherman, was to have four pounds; his sister, Margaret Palmer, to receive five pounds; sister Huldah Palmer, the like bequest, with three pounds apiece to each of the children of his deceased brother, Samuel Palmer; namely, his eldest son Daniel to have eight pounds, while the rest received three: Joseph, James, Rebecca Perkins, Lucretia and Margaret Palmer. His inventory was given to court by Benjamin Palmer, on May 7, 1780.

356. DENISON⁶ PALMER, son of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born in Stonington, December 17, 1735, baptized May 23, 1735. His will was drawn June 9, 1812, given to the Probate Court, January 27, 1816. In it he wills that his now wife, Mrs. Sarah Palmer, shall receive all the household goods she brought with her at the time of their marriage; gives legacies to his daughters Rebecca Dean, Huldah Denison, Sabra Chesbrough, Lucretia Chesbrough, Sally Chesbrough, Wealtha, Marvin, Sophia, Clarrisa, and sons Henry, Charles, Denison, junior, and Richard.

Denison Palmer married (1) in Stonington, July 10, 1759, Marvin Palmer, daughter of Elias and Mary (Holmes) Palmer, who was born April 29, 1739, died February 28, 1785. in her 47th year; he married (2) Sarah, widow of Dr. White of Long Island, N. Y., 1786, who survived him; he died at Stonington Point, June 16, 1816, aged 81 years.

Children by the first wife:

- 834. i. Rebecca,^{*} born September 15, 1760.
- 835. ii. Huldah, born March 3, 1762.
- 836. iii. Nathan, born November 17, 1763.
- 837. iv. Sabra, born August 4, 1765.
- 838. v. Lucy, born December 7, 1766.
- 839. vi. Henry, born September 29, 1768.
- 840. vii. Lucretia, born October 29, 1770.
- 841. viii. Richard, born August 3, 1772.
- 842. ix. Asa, born June 3, 1774.
- 843. x. Charles, born September 6, 1775.
- 844. xi. Sally, born September 6, 1777.
- 845. xii. Welthean, born March 31, 1779.
- 846. xiii. Denison, junior, born October 10, 1781.

Children by the second wife:

- 847. xiv. Phebe, born in 1787; died June 23, 1797.
- 848. xv. Marvin, born 1789.
- 849. xvi. Sophia, born April 19, 1792.
- 850. xvii. Clara, born in 1795.
- 851. xviii. Adin, born in 1798.
- 852. xix. Clarissa, born December 27, 1813.

357. HULDAH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born January 23, 1736-7; baptized February 27, 1737. She married in Stonington, December 25, 1753, Gilbert Fanning; they removed to New Rochelle, New York State, where she died December, 1815. He died December 8, 1804, aged 69 years: he son of James and Harriet (Smith) Fanning.

They had children born in Stonington:

- 853. i. Welthea^a Fanning, born May 31, 1755.
- 854. ii. Gilbert Fanning, born January 30, 1757.
- 855. iii. William Fanning, born October 6, 1758.
- 856. iv. James Fanning, born September 10, 1760.
- 857. v. Huldah Fanning, born July 19, 1762; died April 3, 1765.
- 858. vi. Thomas Fanning, born May 17, 1765.
- 859. vii. Huldah Fanning, born March 30, 1767.
- 860. viii. Edmund Fanning, born in 1770.
- 861. ix. Lemuel Fanning, born 177(2?).
- 862. x. Richard Fanning, born July 15, 1774.
- 863. xi. Phineas Fanning, born June, 22, 1776,
- 864. xii. Henry Fanning, born April 13, 1778.

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358. CAPTAIN ANDREW⁵ PALMER, son of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born October 25, 1738, baptized November 5, 1738. He was captain of a privateer in the Revolution, and was either killed or lost at sea.

He married (1) 1756, Lucy Palmer, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Chesbrough) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, September 23, 1737, died there, August 15, 1776; he married (2) December 14, 1778, Hannah Palmer, daughter of James and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, who was born November 4, 1753; died March 7, 1834; he was lost at sea.

Children by the first wife:

- 865. i. Phebe,^a born 1761.
- 866. ii. George, married Margaret Palmer.
- 867. iii. Roswell Saltonstall, born August 1, 1766.
- 868. iv. Mary, born 1769, married William Palmer.
- 869. v. Rebecca.
- 870. vi. Margaret.

Children by the second wife:

- 871. vii. Robert, born May 6, 1780.
- 872. viii. Andrew.

[Judge Wheeler gives a daughter (Prudence, who married John Williams); also a son Robert, by the first marriage.]

359. CAPTAIN NATHAN⁵ PALMER, son of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer was born September 25, 1740; baptized, October 12, 1740. He married in Stonington, September 6, 1770, Sarah Ells, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and Mercy (Cushing) Ells, who was born 1744, died August 4, 1784, aged 40 years; he died February 12, 1801, aged 61 years. They resided at Stonington Point.

They had:

873. Mercy,⁶ baptized April 24, died October 7, 1774.

360. CAPTAIN ASA⁵ PALMER, son of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born June 11, 1742, baptized July 4, 1742. He was captain of a privateer in the Revolution; resided for awhile at Groton Bank, removed thence to Boston, Mass., where he remained for a short time, and at last settled in Bath, Maine.

Captain Asa Palmer married March 10, 1776, Lois Stanton, daughter of Captain Nathan and Elizabeth (Billings) Stanton, who was born in Stonington, 1754; died in 1817, aged 63 years; he died in Bath, 1820, aged 78 years.

They had children:

874. i. Mercy,⁶ d. y.

875. ii. Mercy, baptized August 11, 1782; died June 5, 1796.

876. iii. Edward, baptized August 8, 1782, d. y.

877. iv. Lois, d. y.

878. v. (Captain) Asa, born April 7, 1791.

363. PHEBE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born in Stonington, December 4, 1746; baptized March 15, 1747. She married there, October 20, 1765, John Cotton Rossiter, a son of the Rev. Ebenezer and Hannah (White) Rossiter, the father

was pastor of the First Church at Stonington at this time. The son was born in Stonington, October 8, 1739; removed to Boston, Mass., where he died February 9, 1798; she died there, May, 1834.

They had children:

- 879. i. Sarah^e Rossiter, born in Stonington, July 30, 1766.
- 880. ii. Ebenezer Rossiter, born in Stonington, October 10, 1767.
- 881. iii. Mehitable Rossiter, born in Stonington, February 27, 1769.
- 882. iv. (Captain) Asa Rossiter, born December 9, 1770.
- 883. v. John Cotton Rossiter, born October 4, 1772, d. y.
- 884. vi. Hannah Rossiter, born October 10, 1773.
- 885. vii. Welthean Rossiter, born July 30, 1775.
- 886. viii. John Cotton Rossiter, born May 4, 1777.
- 887. ix. Phebe Rossiter, (twin with John Cotton).
- 888. x. Andrew Palmer Rossiter, born October 10, 1779.
- 889. xi. William Ledyard Rossiter, born March 4, 1782.
- 890. xii. Gilbert Fanning Rossiter, born May 22, 1784.
- 891. xiii. Edward Rossiter, born August 12, 1787.
- 892. xiv. Eliakim Rossiter, born August 12, 1789.
- 893. xv. Dudley Denison Rossiter, born June 20, 1790.

364. SABRA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born November 24, 1748, baptized August 27, 1749. She married December 7, 1769, Robert Stanton, junior, son of Robert and Anna (Stanton) Stanton, who was born March 16, 1739. They removed to Albany, New York.

They had children born in Stonington:

- 894. i. Anna^e Stanton, born August 26, 1770.
- 895. ii. Robert Stanton, born March 21, 1772.
- 896. iii. Scynthia Stanton, born September 28, 1773.
- 897. iv. Sabra Stanton, born June 7, 1775; died August 24, 1777.

365. LUCRETIA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born October 16, 1751; baptized Feb-

ruary 8, 1752. She married in Stonington, December 8, 1771, Peter Crary. In 1801, Peter Crary sold all his land and buildings in Stonington to Amos Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 14, p. 274.) They removed to New York city; she died —; he married (2) Betsey Denison, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Babcock) Denison, who was born June 19, 1780. He died in New York city.

Peter and Lucretia Crary had children born in Stonington:

- 898. i. Phebe⁶ Crary, born May 10, 1773.
- 899. ii. Edward Crary, born March 10, 1775.
- 900. iii. Lucretia Crary, born in 1778; died in 1780.
- 901. iv. Peter Crary, junior, born February 12, 1781.

To this list N. F. Palmer adds:

- 902. v. Giles Russell Crary, born 1790, died 1795.

366. DESIRE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born August 12, 1753; baptized August 19, 1743. She married in Stonington, July 5, 1772, Henry Frink, son of Samuel and Mary (Stanton) Frink, born February 14, 1749; settled in New York State.

They had children, born in Stonington:

- 903. i. Samuel⁶ Frink, born and died December 2, 1772.
- 904, 905. ii. and iii. Nathan and Samuel, still-born, January 16, 1773.
- 906, 907. iv. and v., two sons born and died November 27, 1774.
- 908. vi. Polly Frink, born May 24, 1776.

368. ELIAKIM⁵ PALMER, son of Dr. Nathan⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, was born March 7, 1759; baptized June 10, 1759. He married in Stonington, December 31, 1781, Priscilla Swan, daughter of John and May (Prentiss) Swan, who was born July 4, 1763.

They had child:

909. i. Nanse^o, born November 16, 1782.

374. EUNICE^s PALMER, daughter of James^t (*Daniel*,^s *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born February 4, 1749-50. She married there, December 8, 1768, William Stanton, son of Samuel and Susannah (Champlin) Stanton, who was born in Stonington, September 19, 1744, died there February 23, 1811; she died there February 10, 1835.

They had children:

- 910. i. Polly^s Stanton, born September 8, 1770.
- 911. ii. Prudence Stanton, born August 21, 1774.
- 912. iii. Samuel Palmer Stanton, born January 17, 1776.
- 913. iv. Lois Stanton, born September 3, 1778.
- 914. v. James Stanton, born February 22, 1781.
- 915. vi. Eunice Stanton, born August 1, 1786.
- 916. vii. Andrew Stanton, born August 9, 1790.

375. HANNAH^s PALMER, daughter of James^t (*Daniel*,^s *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born November 4, 1753. May 25, 1794, James Palmer gave a deed of land and buildings lying at the head of Wequetequock Cove to daughter Hannah Palmer, "where she now lives, and are the same tracts which my son William Palmer gave me a deed of." (Land records, Vol. 12, p. 179.) October 2, 1794, Hannah, widow of Andrew Palmer, sold for twelve pounds to George Palmer, two lots of land at Wequetequock Cove. (*Ibid*, Vol. 12, p. 279.) In 1788, Asa Palmer lately applied for permission to administer the estate of Andrew Palmer, application made September 1, 1786, and granted at that date as the estate was insufficient to properly administer; he sold part of it to George Palmer. (Land records, Vol 11, p. 131.) February 18, 1789, Hannah, widow of Captain Andrew Palmer, bought a tract of William Chesbrough, for twenty-five pounds (*Ibid*, Vol. 11, p. 252.) March, 1793, Captain Andrew Palmer's

estate was again brought into court by Asa Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 12, p. 113.)

She married, as his second wife, December 14, 1778, Captain Andrew Palmer, son of Dr. Nathan and Phebe (Billings) Palmer. (See number 360.)

377. SAMUEL⁵ PALMER, son of James⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born June 18, 1758. He married in Stonington, November 9, 1780, Hannah Eells, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and Mrs. Mary (Darrell) Eells, who was born September 14, 1760.

They had children:

- 917. i. Henry,⁶ born in Stonington, July 14, 1781.
- 918. ii. Lucy, born October 25, 1783.
- 919. iii. Samuel, born August 30, 1785.
- 920. iv. James, born April 1, 1787; died 1791.
- 921. v. Joseph, born August 24, 1789.
- 922. vi. Benjamin, twin with Joseph, born August 24, 1789.
- 923. vii. Frank, born March 22, 1792.
- 924. viii. Betsey, born May 8, 1794.
- 925. ix. James H., born February 3, 1797.
- 926. x. Maria, born September 21, 1799.
- 927. xi. Emilia, born April 13, 1803.

378. MARGARET⁵ PALMER, daughter of James⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born August 17, 1762. She married, December 22, 1783, George Palmer, son of Captain Andrew and Lucy (Palmer) Palmer. (See number 358.)

379. WILLIAM⁵ PALMER, son of James⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born November 1, 1764. In 1793, William Palmer, 4th, sold to his brother Samuel Palmer, sons of James Palmer, land in the South Society, near the Pawcatuck River, which was a part of James's farm, where he now lives, touching land of the widow Pru-

dence Palmer, Andrew Pendelton, William and Nathan Stanton. (Land records, Vol. 12, p. 115.) December 20, 1792, James Palmer sold to his son William 4th, forty acres of land, bounded by that of Elijah Denison, William Slack, Wequetequock Cove, land on Burying Hill, by the Denisons, the Cove, James Noyes's land, John Randall, and Palmer's Neck. The 3d lot by the dwelling "of my son Samuel Palmer, and the widow Prudence Palmer." (*Ibid*, Vol. 12, p. 18.)

William Palmer married, December 17, 1775, Mary Palmer, daughter of Captain Andrew and Lucy (Palmer) Palmer, who was born in 1769, died March 25, 1847, aged 78 years; he died April 18, 1830, aged 63 years.

They had children:

- 928. i. Cyrus.⁴
- 929. ii. (Dr.) Isaac C.
- 930. iii. James W.
- 931. iv. (Captain) John D.
- 932. v. Robert.
- 933. vi. Bridget Matilda.
- 934. vii. Mary Ann.

380. DESIRE⁴ PALMER, daughter of James⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born August 1, 1766. She married in 1788, Captain Roswell Saltonstall Palmer, son of Captain Andrew and Lucy (Palmer) Palmer, who was born August, 1766.

381. LEMUEL⁴ PALMER, son of James⁴ (*Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born in Stonington, November 16, 1767. He married Abigail Davis, daughter of John Davis and Abigail Baker of Stonington, who was born October 12, 1778, died January 22, 1832, aged 54 years; he died there May 14, 1850, aged 82 years.

They had children:

- 935. i. Abby,⁴ born September 13, 1797.
- 936. ii. Mary, born October 27, 1800.
- 937. iii. John D., born August, 1802.
- 938. iv. Hannah, born December 6, 1804.
- 939. v. Bridget Matilda, born March 30, 1807.
- 940. vi. Nancy D., born February 22, 1810.
- 941. vii. James W., born in 1814; died July 22, 1822.
- 942. viii. Harriet Jane, born June 9, 1822; died April 20, 1832.

384. LUCY⁵ PALMER, daughter of Thomas⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mrs. Priscilla (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born December 23, 1734. She married, September 19, 1755, Charles Thompson, son of William and Katharine (Richardson) Thompson, who was born in Stonington, April 18, 1734. They did not have children.

385. THOMAS⁵ PALMER, son of Thomas⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mrs. Priscilla (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born July 24, 1738 (February 9, 1737). He married, March 23, 1767, Mary Rossiter, daughter of Rev. Ebenezer and Hannah (White) Rossiter, who was born in Stonington, December 8, 1735.

They had children:

- 943. i. Hannah,⁶ born October 23, 1768.
- 944. ii. Thomas W., born January 1, 1770.

387. BRIDGET⁵ PALMER, daughter of Thomas⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mrs. Priscilla (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born April 5, 1743; she married January 30, 1766, Colonel Benadam Gallup, son of Colonel Benadam and Hannah (Avery) Gallup, who was born in Stonington June 29, 1741. He was a descendant of Captain John and Hamah (Lake) Gallup, and thus connected with Governor John Winthrop's family, and with a line of patriotic men who

took a bold, courageous and prominent part in the civic and military affairs of New England. He died in Stonington, April 12, 1818; she died there August 22, 1823.

They had children:

- 945. i. Benadam⁶ Gallup, born October 28, 1766.
- 946. ii. Bridget Gallup, born October 5, 1768.
- 947. iii. James Gallup, born May 27, 1771.
- 948. iv. Desire Gallup, born November 20, 1773.
- 949. v. John Gallup, born May 27, 1776.
- 950. vi. Lucy Gallup, born June 23, 1779.
- 951. vii. Simeon Gallup, born September 29, 1781.

388. DESIRE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Thomas⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mrs. Priscilla (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born July 19, 1746. She married, January 14, 1767, Elihu Thompson, son of William and Katharine (Richardson) Thompson, who was born in Stonington, September 5, 1741, the youngest brother of her sister Lucy's husband.

Elihu and desire (Palmer) Thompson had children :

- 952. i. Desire⁶ Thompson, born January 29, 1769.
- 953. ii. Mary Thompson, born February 22, 1770.
- 954. iii. Joseph Thompson, born October 5, 1771.
- 955. iv. Sarah Thompson, born January 15, 1774.

389. SAMUEL⁵ PALMER, son of Thomas⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mrs. Priscilla (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born June 11, 1749. He married November 9, 1780, Hannah Eells, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel and (his second wife) Mrs. Mary (Darrell) Eells, who was born on Hinckley Hill, in Stonington, September 14, 1760.

They had children:

- 956. i. Lucy,⁶ born October 25, 1783.
- 957. ii. Samuel, born August 20, 1785.
- 958. iii. Joseph, born August 24, 1787.
- 959. iv. Benjamin, born August 24, 1789.

- 960. v. Frederick, born March 22, 1793.
- 961. vi. Betsey, born May 8, 1794.
- 962. vii. James, born February 5, 1797.
- 963. viii. Maria, born September 21, 1799.
- 964. ix. Cornelia, born April 13, 1803.

390. JOSHUA⁴ PALMER, son of Stephen⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Quimby) Palmer, was born in Coventry, Windham County, Conn., April 14, 1731. His estate was distributed among his heirs April 6, 1769. he having been a resident of Mansfield. His widow, Mrs. Ruth, the eldest son, Isaac Sargent Palmer, receiving two-fifths of the whole estate; daughters Anne, Elizabeth, and son Rufus. The estate of his father Stephen was given to the heirs of Joshua about 1776, to the eldest grandson Isaac Sargent Palmer, Rufus, Anne married to Isaac Hall, and Elizabeth married to Mr. Allen. Joshua Palmer's inventory was given November 16, 1758.

Joshua Palmer married in Mansfield, July 24, 1750, Ruth Sargent, daughter of Isaac and Anna (Wood) Sargent, who was born in Mansfield, October 14, 1732; she married (2) — Davis.

Children of Joshua and Ruth Palmer, born at Mansfield:

- 965. i. Elizabeth,⁶ born January 7, 1750.
- 966. ii. Anne, born June 13, 1752.
- 967. iii. Isaac Sargent, born April 10, 1754.
- 968. iv. Rufus, born February 11, 1756.
- 969. v. Elizabeth, born December, 1758.

393. STEPHEN⁵ PALMER, son of Stephen⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Quimby) Palmer, was born January 12, 1737. He removed to Hebron, Tolland County, Conn. He married in Hebron, October 23, 1760, Susannah Sawyer.

396. NATHAN⁵ PALMER, son of Stephen⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Quimby) Palmer,

was born in Coventry, August 9, 1742. He married, in Mansfield, April 4, 1765, Abigail Barrows, daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Crane) Barrows, who was born in Mansfield, November 5, 1744.

They had children born in Mansfield:

- 970. i. Nathan,⁶ born November 7, 1766.
- 971. ii. Amasa, born June 29, 1770.
- 972. iii. Lemuel, born January 10, 1773.

397. NATHANIEL⁵ PALMER, son of Stephen⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Quimby) Palmer, was born in Coventry, November 4, 1744. He married in Hebron, Martha Jones of Hebron, who died; he married (2) Silence Cook, who was born in 1758-60, died December 27, 1841, aged 85 years; he died in Terryville, Conn., February 22, 1830, aged 85 years.

Children by the first wife:

- 973. i. Patty.⁶
- 974. ii. Elliott, born February 27, 1776.
- 975. iii. James.
- 976. iv. Horatio, born September 6, 1785.

Children by the second wife:

- 977. v. Olive, born August 14, 1796.

399. JESUSHA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Abijah⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Dorothy (Allen) Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 16, 1734. She married May 9, 1751, Benjamin Adams, of Plainfield, Windham County, Conn. She died there July 28, 1752.

Child born in Plainfield:

- 978. i. Jerusha⁶ Adams, born November 29, 1751.

404. SIMEON⁵ PALMER, son of Abijah⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Bridget (Stanton) Palmer, was born October 4, 1744. His home was in Ston-

ington, at a place called "Old Letter Hole." He married in Stonington, December 19, 1773, Sarah Stanton, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Chesbrough) Stanton, who was born November 12, 1751, died in Stonington, October 3, 1786.

They had children:

- 979. i. Robert,⁶ born August 7, 1774.
- 980. ii. Sarah, born September 5, 1776.
- 981. iii. Bridget, born February 1, 1779.
- 982. iv. Thankful, born October 20, 1781.
- 983. v. Betsey, born February 16, 1784.
- 984. vi. Francis, born June 16, 1793.
- 985. vii. Mary, born August 27, 1796.

406. PELEG⁵ PALMER, son of Abijah⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Bridget (Stanton) Palmer, was born January 24, 1755. He was an officer in the customs, and was lost in a snow-storm while off the coast of Block Island soon after the year 1808. He married in Stonington, March 1, 1779, Mary Burch, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Davis) Burch, of Westerly, Rhode Island.

They had children:

- 986. i. Lydia,⁶ born November 14, 1779; died September 11, 1872, aged 92.
- 987. ii. Adam, born March 27, 1784.
- 988. iii. Desire, born August 3, 1786.
- 989. iv. Deborah, born May 26, 1788.
- 990. v. Huldah, born March 8, 1789.
- 991. vi. Nancy, born October 14, 1791.
- 992. vii. ———.
- 993. viii. Susan, born in 1796.
- 994. ix. Simeon, born August 5, 1799.

407. ROBERT⁶ PALMER, son of Abijah⁴ (*Nehemiah*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Bridget (Stanton) Palmer, was baptized in Stonington, August 6, 1756, being the third child of that name who was born to Abijah, the other two having died in infancy. He married Char-

lotte Down, daughter of James Down, of Lebanon, Windham County, Conn.

They had children :

995. i. Charlotte.⁶

996. ii. Joseph Saxton.

997. iii. James Lothrop, born December 20, 1808.

414. JOHN⁵ PALMER, son of John⁴ (*Moses,³ Moses,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Noyes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 21, 1729. He migrated, first to the valley of the Hudson River, residing awhile at Duanesburgh, Albany County, New York; removing from there to Slover Lake, Susquehannah County, Pennsylvania, where he staid from 1814 to 1820, and then settled in Virgil, Cortland County, New York.

He married in Stonington, April 2, 1752, Anna Noyes, daughter of Deacon John and Mary (Gallup) Noyes, who was born April 23, 1729.

They had born in Stonington:

998. i. Sarah,⁶ born March 8, 1753.

999. ii. Nancy, married Benjamin Soule.

1000. iii. Polly, married Daniel Lyon.

1001. iv. John, born October 10, 1776.

415. MOSES⁵ PALMER, son of John⁴ (*Moses,³ Moses,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Noyes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, October 29, 1730. His will was drawn June 4, 1761. In it he mentions his wife Prudence, and gives her all the household goods. November 24, 1755, Moses and Prudence Palmer, gave a quitclaim of all their rights in the estate of her late deceased father Samuel Turner, and of their mother Mrs. Rebecca Turner, to their elder brother Samuel Turner. (Land records, Vol. 7, p. 20.) A deed is recorded from Samuel Turner, wife Rebecca, parents of Prudence, wife of Moses Palmer, their daughter. (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 237.)

Moses Palmer married in Stonington, May 8, 1753, Prudence Turner, daughter of Ezekiel and Borodel (Denison) Turner, who was born March 8, 1732. He died between June 4 and February 20, 1761.

They had children :

- 1002. i. Moses,⁶ born November 23, 1755.
- 1003. ii. Abigail, born March 2, 1757.
- 1004. iii. Gilbert, born May 21, 1760.

416. NOYES⁵ PALMER, son of John⁴ (*Moses,³ Moses,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Noyes) Palmer, was born August 29, 1732. He married in Stonington, June 2, 1754, Sarah Mix, daughter of Zebediah and Sarah (Chesbrough) Mix, who was baptized November 30, 1734; he died there November 26, 1783, aged 52 years.

They had children:

- 1005. i. Noyes,⁶ junior, born October 19, 1754.
- 1006. ii. John, born January 11, 1757.
- 1007. iii. Allen, born February 17, 1759.
- 1008. iv. Amos, born June 30, 1761.
- 1009. v. Zebediah, born May 22, 1764.

421. GILBERT⁵ PALMER, son of John⁴ (*Moses,³ Moses,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Noyes) Palmer, was born January 8, 1743. About the year 1770 he went to settle in Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York. He married a Miss Jackson.

They had children:

- 1010. i. Gilbert⁶ junior.
- 1011. ii. Moses.
- 1012. iii. William, born October 10, 1776, in Hillsdale.
- 1013. iv. Nathan, born in 1777.

450. PRUDENCE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Ichabod⁴ (*Ichabod,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Noyes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, February 28, 1723. Her father, in his will of 1748-9 gave a legacy to his

daughter Prudence Shaw, which thus established her identity. She married in Stonington, September 14, 1741, Thomas Shaw, junior.

They had children:

- 1014. i. Elizabeth^{*} Shaw, born April 12, 1742.
- 1015. ii. Joseph Shaw, born February 23, 1743-4.
- 1016. iii. Ichabod Shaw, born February 28, 1745-6.
- 1017. iv. Keziah Shaw, born August 27, 1748.
- 1018. v. Thomas Shaw, born October 11, 1751.
- 1019. vi. Mary Shaw, born June 8, 1754.
- 1020. vii. Prudence Shaw, born January 17, 1757.

452. ELIZABETH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Ichabod⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) was born March 25, 1728. In her father's will, of 1748-9, she is called Elizabeth Avery.

453. ICHABOD⁵ PALMER, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Noyes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 8, 1730. His last years were spent in Lenox, Madison County, New York. He married (1) in Stonington, April 11, 1751, Lydia Utley, who died May 3, 1760; he married (2), September 24, 1761, Mary Grant, who died August 24, 1792; he died in Lenox, New York, February 7, 1819, aged 89 years. At the date of his wife's death he was called Captain Ichabod. Mary Grant was daughter of Oliver and Silence (Williams) Grant and was born July 9, 1737.

Children by the first wife:

- 1021. i. Bridget,⁶ born November 11, 1752.
- 1022. ii. Thomas, born May 8, 1754.
- 1023. iii. Mary, born January 7, 1756.
- 1024. iv. Hannah, born, April 14, 1758.
- 1025. v. Ichabod, born April 13, 1760.

Children by the second wife:

- 1026. vi. Peleg, born September 12, 1762.
- 1027. vii. Gilbert, born May 12, 1764.

1028. viii. Lydia, born November 1, 1766.
 1029. ix. Prudence, born September 26, 1769.
 1030. x. Oliver, born April 4, 1773.
 1031. xi. Eunice, born April 4, 1780.

457. COLONEL ELIAS SANFORD⁵ PALMER, son of Ichabod⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Elizabeth (Noyes) Palmer, was born in Stonington March 14, 1742. He was First Lieutenant of the Fourth Company in Colonel Samuel Selden's regiment which was raised to re-enforce Washington in New York; served in New York and Long Island; were caught in the panic on the retreat of September 15, 1776, when New York city was abandoned and suffered severe loss; this company remained with the army until December 25, 1776. Connecticut Revolutionary Rolls, p. 403.

He married (1) in Stonington, March 15, 1761. Phebe Palmer, daughter of Joseph and Zippreah (Billings) Palmer, who was born September 5, 1742; died in Stonington, September 13, 1793; he married there (2) March 23, 1794, Mrs. Lucy Breed, who was born May 14, 1751; he died in Stonington, June 6, 1821, aged 79 years.

Children by the first wife:

1032. i. Elias,⁶ born February 11, 1762; died, 1778.
 1033. ii. Sanford, born August 4, 1763.
 1034. iii. Borodal, born March 5, 1765.
 1035. iv. Phebe, born August 9, 1766.
 1036. v. Elizabeth, born March 19, 1768.
 1037. vi. Roswell, born October 23, 1769.
 1038. vii. Noyes, born April 20, 1771.
 1039. viii. David, born January 17, 1773.
 1040. ix. Luther, born November 25, 1774.
 1041. x. Priscilla, born May 20, 1778.
 1042. xi. Charles, born February 20, 1780.
 1043. xii. Rebecca, born November 16, 1782.

461. LUCRETIA⁵ PALMER, daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Ches-

brough), Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 3, 1734. She married there, January 8, 1752, Amos Whiting; they resided in Plainfield, Windham County.

They had children:

- 1044. i. Wealthean^{*} Whiting, born May 27, 1752.
- 1045. ii. Nathan Whiting, born March 3, 1754.

463. NATHANIEL⁵ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*,¹) and Mercy (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born in Stonington, December 20, 1740. March 18, 1772, Nathaniel Palmer, junior, of Stonington, bought for eighty-nine pounds of James Noyes one hundred and twenty-three acres of land which had been formerly conveyed to Nathaniel, senior, by David Conchle on Pawcatuck River. (Land records, Vol. 9, p. 249.) June 10, 1770, Nathaniel Palmer, junior, of Stonington, agrees, on receipt of a yearly rent payable to Nathaniel of Groton, to buy a dwelling house, barn, housings, and one hundred and seventy acres of land, which tract was given him in a deed signed in 1769, by his father. Land records, Vol. 11, p. 62.)

Nathaniel Palmer, junior, married in Stonington, August 18, 1765, Grace Noyes, daughter of James and Grace (Billings) Noyes, who was born in Stonington, December 10, 1740, died there November 28, 1818, aged 72 years; he died there, September 27, 1819.

They had children:

- 1046. i. Paul^{*}, born May 24; died September 17, 1766.
- 1047. ii. Nathaniel, born December 15, 1768.
- 1048. iii. Grace, born May 25, 1772.
- 1049. iv. Luke, born February 14, 1775.
- 1050. v. Mary, born May 3, 1777; died August 4, 1777.
- 1051. vi. Mary, born January 21, 1780.
- 1052. vii. Betsey, born September 8, 1785.
- 1053. viii. Warren, born March 3, 1788.

464. DAVID⁵ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born in Stonington June 9, 1742. He was among the gallant little band who resisted the atrocious attack on Fort Griswold, and was one of those who fell before the fort was surrendered. He married in Stonington, November 15, 1773, Abigail Gardner, daughter of Thomas Gardner of Westerley, Rhode Island; she married (2) October 31, 1784, George Denison, junior. "Abigail, widow of David Palmer, was left with four small children, a large real estate, which was under a life lease to her father-in-law, and no personal property. Andrew Palmer put in her losses as amounting to one hundred and five pounds, ten shillings; she received six pounds, nineteen shillings and four pence."

In the Palmer Ground, at the head of Palmer's Cove, in Noank, stands a stone with this inscription:

"In Memory of Mr.
David Palmer who
was slain in Fort
Griswold, Sept. 6th,
1781, in ye 38
year of his age."

They had children:

- 1054. i. David H.⁶
- 1055. ii. Martha.
- 1056. iii. ———.
- 1057. iv. ———.

465. MARY⁵ PALMER, daughter of Nathaniel⁴ (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Chesbrough) Palmer, was born in Stonington, July 30, 1744. She married Jesse Brown, who died June 19, 1822; she died July 11, 1837, aged 93 years; he son of Benjamin and Abigail (Marsoon) Brown, born in Westerly, R. I., April 1, 1745.

They had children:

- 1058. i. Jesse^e Brown, junior, born September 2, 1774.
- 1059. ii. Mary Brown, born March 23, 1776.
- 1060. iii. David Brown, born October 11, 1782.
- 1061. iv. Lucy Palmer Brown, born December 12, 1784.
- 1062. v. Benjamin Brown, born November 17, 1799.

466. ELIAS^d PALMER, son of Elias^d (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Holmes) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 5, 1735. In 1727 Nathaniel Palmer sold to Elias Palmer, for one hundred pounds, eight acres of land at Palmer's Neck. (Land records, Vol. 7, p. 157.) The same year, Elias Palmer sold for the same sum, nineteen and one-half acres of land which "my late deceased father, Elias Palmer, bought in partnership with the said Nathaniel Palmer of Christopher Palmer". (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 158.) "He sold his property in Stonington about the year 1776, and removed to Colchester, Connecticut." (N. F. Palmer.)

Elias Palmer married, April 28, 1757, Esther Randall, daughter of Captain John and Elizabeth (Cottrell) Randall, who was born June 17, 1735, in Stonington and was a step sister of Elias, as his mother had married as her second husband, Lieutenant John Randall.

They had children:

- 1063. i. Mary,^e born January 21, 1758.
- 1064. ii. Betsey, born November 26, 1759.
- 1065. iii. Elias, junior, born December 4, 1762.
- 1066. iv. Esther, born March 24, 1764.
- 1067. v. John, born March 6, 1766.
- 1068. vi. Marvin, born May 25, 1768.
- 1069. vii. Paul, born September 23, 1770.
- 1070. viii. Thomas Randall, born April 18, 1776.
- 1071. ix. Joshua, born July 20, 1778.

467. MARVIN^d PALMER, daughter of Elias^d (*Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Holmes) Palmer,

was born February 18, 1738-9. She married, July 10, 1759, Denison Palmer, son of Dr. Nathan and Phebe (Billings) Palmer, who was born December 17, 1735-6; she died February 28, 1785. (See No. 344.)

469. WILLIAM⁵ PALMER, 3d, son of William⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Wyatt) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 11, 1731. In 1758, his father made over to him, by a deed, between thirty and forty acres of land in Stonington, bounded by land belonging to Lieutenant Joseph Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 7, p. 173.) In 1765, he bought land of William Coats. (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, p. 74.) December 30, 1771, he sold for three pounds, ten acres of land in North Stonington to his brother, Jonathan Wyatt Palmer. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 191.) He removed his family to Brookfield, New York, about 1796.

William Palmer, junior, married in Stonington, November 8, 1753, Phebe Darrow, daughter of George and Phebe (Palmer) Darrow, who was born in Stonington, April 18, 1737, died in Brookfield, February 25, 1829, aged 92 years; he died in Brookfield, December, 1801, aged 76 years.

They had children, born in Stonington:

- 1072. i. Vose⁶, born October 9, 1754.
- 1073. ii. Priscila, born January 22, 1757.
- 1074. iii. Phebe, born March 29, 1760.
- 1075. iv. William, born October 31, 1762.
- 1076. v. Sarah, born January 26, 1765.
- 1077. vi. Frances, born January 5, 1767.
- 1078. vii. George, born June 11, 1769.
- 1079. viii. Esther, born October 22, 1771.
- 1080. xi. Welthea.
- 1081. x. Lemuel, born November 21, 1776.
- 1082. xi. Lucy, born March 23, 1780,

471. ABIGAIL⁵ PALMER, daughter of William⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Wyatt)

Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 31, 1736. She married there, November 2, 1758, Stephen Brown, son of Ichabod and Sarah (Chapman) Brown, who was born June 22, 1736, in Stonington.

They had children:

- 1083. i. Mary⁶ Brown, born June 3, 1759; died October 1, 1759.
- 1084. ii. Stephen Brown, born August 10, 1760.
- 1085. iii. Abigail Brown, born June 22, 1762.
- 1086. iv. Lucy Brown, born September 29, 1763.
- 1087. v. Luther Brown, born August 21, 1765.
- 1088. vi. Sarah Brown, born August 28, 1767.
- 1089. vii. Abel Brown, born October 2, 1769.
- 1090. viii. Keturah Brown, born June 28, 1771.
- 1091. ix. Jedediah Brown, born May 21, 1773.
- 1092. x. Roswell Brown, born December 17, 1774.

473. JONATHAN⁵ WYATT PALMER, son of William⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Wyatt) Palmer, was born in Stonington November 11, 1739. August 11, 1773, he sold to his brother Azariah, for one hundred and twenty-three pounds, one hundred and ten acres of land in North Stonington. (Land records, Vol. 9, p. 362.) He married in Stonington, May 21, 1761, Jemima Satterley of Preston.

They had children:

- 1093. i. Sabra⁶, born October 15, 1763.
- 1094. ii. Wyatt, born December 20, 1765.
- 1095. iii. Ephraim, born February 29, 1768.

474. AZARIAH⁵ PALMER, son of William⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Wyatt) Palmer, was born May 22, 1742. In 1771 he bought for twelve pounds of Andrew Chapman, two acres of salt marsh. (Land Records, Vol. 9, 152.) In 1772, he bought for twenty-five pounds, of Stephen Brown, land which was on the dividing line between Stonington and Voluntown. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 206.) August 11, 1773, he sold to his brother William, for sixty pounds, a

quit-claim deed, ten acres of land in Stonington; at the same date, his brother Jonathan Wyatt Palmer sold to him, for one hundred and twenty-three pounds, one hundred and ten acres in North Stonington. (*Ibid*, Vol. 9, p. 362.) April 4, 1776, Azariah Palmer, then of Plainfield, sold for one hundred and thirty pounds land to Elisha Palmer of Stonington. From Plainfield he removed to Little Hoosuck, Bauch County, New York.

He married in Stonington, January 26, 1764, Mary Darrow, daughter of George and Phebe (Palmer) Darrow, who was baptized in the First Church of Stonington, September 15, 1745.

They had children, born in Stonington:

- 1096. i. Mary,⁶ born January 23, 1765.
- 1097. ii. Azariah, born May 25, 1767.
- 1098. iii. Pardon, born July 22, 1769.
- 1099. iv. Russell, born January 30, 1771.

476. BORODAL⁵ PALMER, daughter of William⁴ (*William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Wyatt) Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 9, 1748. She married in Stonington, December 5, 1765, Nathan Randall, son of Nathan and Mary (Cottrell) Randall, who was born October 10, 1755. She died August 6, 1771; he married (2) in Voluntown, February 13, 1772, Dolly Palmer.

Children by Mrs. Borodal (Palmer) Randall:

- 1100. i. Mary⁶ Randall, born August 3, 1766.
- 1101. ii. Nathan Randall, born August 3, 1768.
- 1102. iii. Cynthia Randall, born June 16, 1769.
- 1103. iv. Borodel Randall, born July 26, 1771.

477. BARBARA⁵ PALMER, daughter of William⁴ (*William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Wyatt) Palmer, was born in Stonington, January 27, 1750. She married there, May 1, 1768, Nathan Steward (or Stewart), son of William and Elizabeth (Stevens) Steward, born June 22, 1745.

They had children:

- 1104. i. Nathan⁶ Stewart, junior, born February 20, 1769.
- 1105. ii. Barbard Stewart, born July 5, 1771.
- 1106. iii. Edward Stewart, born December 8, 1774.
- 1107. iv. Priscilla Stewart, born March 20, 1778.
- 1108. v. Betsey Stewart, born September 14, 1780.
- 1109. vi. Russell Stewart, born April 14, 1783.
- 1110. vii. George P. Stewart, born April 8, 1786.
- 1111. viii. Phebe Stewart, born May 12, 1789.
- 1112. ix. Cyrus Stewart, born February 14, 1792.
- 1113. x. Apphia Stewart, born March 19, 1795, d. y.

480. WAIT⁵ PALMER, junior, son of Elder Wait⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹), and Mary (Brown) Palmer, was born in Stonington, May 5, 1728. April 10, 1772, he gave a deed wherein he stated that "whereas my father and mother, Wait Palmer, in consideration of one hundred and ten pounds, with interest, have given me, their son, Wait Palmer, junior; a deed of the farm where I now reside, I hereby promise to give them one-half of the profits thereof yearly during their natural lives." (Land records, Vol. 12, p. 480.)

Wait Palmer, junior, married April 4, 1751, Mary Safford of Coventry, Conn., who died in Stonington, October 18, 1785; he died October 18, 1785.

They had children, born in Stonington :

- 1114. i. Wait,⁶ born August 2, 1753.
- 1115. ii. Edith, born January 7, 1756.
- 1116. iii. Stuckley, born January 23, 1758.
- 1117. iv. Charles, born June 25, 1760.
- 1118. v. Asa, born September 7, 1763.
- 1119. iv. Rowland, born October 31, 1766.
- 1120. vii. Mary, born August 24, 1770.

481. AMOS⁵ PALMER, son of Elder Wait⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) Palmer, was born August 27, 1729. He bought a lot of land, seventy acres, in Exeter, Rhode Island, November 21, 1784; on April 6,

1793, he purchased eighty-three and three-quarters acres in Ashford, Conn.

Amos Palmer married Mary York, November 5, 1749. They had sixteen children, four of whom were Baptist ministers.

They had children (order of birth not ascertained) :

- 1121. i. Amos.⁶
- 1122. ii. Uriah, born 1753.
- 1123. iii. Asahel, born January 22, 1755.
- 1124. iv. Joel.
- 1125. v. Stephen, born August 22, 1758.
- 1126. vi. Ziba.
- 1127. vii. Boswell, born 1762.
- 1128. viii. Ezra.
- 1129. ix. Phineas, born October 19, 1765.
- 1130. x. Benjamin.
- 1131. xi. Ezra.
- 1132. xii. Desire.
- 1133. xiii. Comfort.
- 1134. xiv. Hannah.
- 1135. xv. Polly.
- 1136. xvi. Ellen.

486. EBENEZER⁵ PALMER, son of Elder Wait⁴ (*William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) Palmer, was born January 21, 1738-9. March 8, 1790, Wait Palmer gave a deed to his grandsons, Oziel (often written Uzzel) and Israel Palmer, sons of his late deceased son, Ebenezer Palmer, of a tract of land which was to be divided equally between them by Elias Palmer, Amos Crandall and Alexander Thompson. (Land records, Vol. 11, p. 109.) In 1797, Israel Palmer bought from his brother, Uzziel, the land and buildings "which our grandfather, Elder Wait Palmer, gave to us his two grandsons." In the Stonington town book is recorded Ebenezer Palmer married, November 22 (date gone), Hannah Palmer; she was cited to appear at court in 1773, as widow of Ebenezer Palmer. (Vol. 2, p. 67, Probate records.)

Children there given:

- 1137. i. Hannah,⁶ born October 14, 1759.
- 1138. ii. Lucy, born September 7, 1761.
- 1139. iii. Martha, born July 26, 1764.
- 1140. iv. Uzziel.
- 1141. v. Israel.

488. EUNICE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Captain Christopher⁴ (*George*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Esther (Prentice) Palmer, was born in Stonington May 18, 1732. She married there, the ceremony being performed by her uncle, Justice Samuel Prentice, her mother's brother, July 1, 1756, John Kimball. She died in Stonington, November 4, 1869.

They had children:

- 1142. i. Joseph⁶ Kimball, born February 23, 1757.
- 1143. ii. Patience Kimball, born May 9, 1758.
- 1144. iii. Jemima Kimball, born November 5; died December 1, 1759.
- 1145. iv. Lucy Kimball, born November 28, 1761.
- 1146. v. Elisha Kimball, born February 28, 1764.
- 1147. vi. Mary Kimball, born April 29, 1766.
- 1148. vii. Sabra Kimball, born July 3, 1767.
- 1149. viii. Sarah Kimball, born February 5, 1770.
- 1150. ix. Esther Kimball, born July 16, 1771.
- 1151. x. Rebecca Kimball, born December 28, 1774.
- 1152. xi. John Kimball, born September 17, 1777.

490. REVEREND⁵ CHRISTOPHER PALMER, son of Christopher⁴ (*George*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Esther (Prentice) Palmer, was born October 10, 1735. In his latter years he resided in Schuyler Falls, Otsego County, New York, always known as "the Palmer settlement," but was afterwards named by his eldest son Humphrey, "Exeter," when, at the time of Rev. Christopher's death, there were then living there eight children, seventy-two grand children, one hundred thirty-five great grand children, and thirty-seven great great grand children. (N. F. Palmer.)

Rev. Christopher Palmer was married in Stonington by the Rev. Joseph Fish, January 9, 1758, to Deborah Brown, who was born in 1740, died August 9, 1841, aged one hundred and one years, six months and fourteen days; he died in Otsego County, November 4, 1818, aged 83 years.

They had children, born in Stonington:

- 1153. i. Humphrey,^o born December 25, 1758.
- 1154. ii. Abel, born January 26, 1761.
- 1155. iii. George, born June 21, 1763.
- 1156. iv. Rebecca, born December 26, 1765.
- 1157. v. Christopher, born September 9, 1769.
- 1158. vi. Gershom, born January 5, 1772.
- 1159. vii. Esther, born May 2, 1775.
- 1160. viii. Lucy, born September 11, 1781.

492. GEORGE^b PALMER, son of Christopher^a (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Esther (Prentice) Palmer, was born in Stonington, December 20, 1738. He resided in Preston, Conn., where he married, April 17, 1774, Ann Denison, daughter of William and Hannah (Tyler) Denison, who was born in North Stonington, September 12, 1744.

They had children:

- 1161. i. Denison,^o born in Preston, November 25, 1774.
- 1162. ii. Henry, born November 9, 1776.
- 1163. iii. William, born 1778.
- 1164. iv. Polly, born 1780; d. unm.
- 1165. v. Nancy, born 1782; d. unm.
- 1166. vi. Elisha, born —.

496. RUHAMAH^b PALMER, daughter of Christopher^a (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Esther (Prentice) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 7, 1747; she married there, November 7, 1766, Benjamin Billings, son of James and Margaret Billings, born in Stonington, November 5, 1744.

They had children, born in Stonington.

- 1167. i. Perez Billings,^{*} born 1767.
- 1168. ii. Ezra Billings, born October 5, 1768.
- 1169. iii. Lydia Billings, born August 5, 1770.

497. MICHAEL⁵ PALMER, son of Christopher⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Esther (Prentice) Palmer, was born November 20, 1752. He married, July 12, 1781, Deborah Ayres of East Hampton, Long Island, New York.

They had children, born in Stonington:

- 1170. i. Samuel,^{*} born January 18, 1782.
- 1171. ii. Abel, born February 10, 1784.

508. DR. DAVID⁵ PALMER, son of Dr. Joseph⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Zipporah (Billings) Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 30, 1739. He served as a private in the Revolution. About the year 1778, he removed to Clarendon, Rutland County, Vermont. He married in North Parish Church, Stonington (1), April 24, 1760, Grace Plumbe; she died —; he married (2) Rachel Coffin of Nantucket, Mass.; he died January, 1821; she married (2) Deacon Moon. From his son James descended the celebrated Dr. Benjamin Rush Palmer.

They had children:

- 1172. i. George,^{*} born in Stonington, 1760.
- 1173. ii. Zipporah, born in Voluntown, May 17, 1762.
- 1174. iii. James, born in Voluntown, November 6, 1764.
- 1175. iv. Grace, born in Voluntown, March 31, 1766.
- 1176. v. Joseph, born in Voluntown, December 7, 1767.
- 1177. vi. Elizabeth, born in Voluntown, twin with Joseph.
- 1178. vii. Sally, born in Voluntown, February 1, 1770.
- 1179. viii. Eunice, born in Voluntown, August 25, 1772.
- 1180. ix. Nancy, born in Voluntown, April 20, 1777.
- 1181. x. Allen, born 1781.

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509. **ETHEL⁵ PALMER**, son of Dr. Joseph⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Zipporah (Billings) Palmer, was born January 25, 1740. He married in North Parish Church of Stonington, December 22, 1763, Elizabeth Williams; she died —; he married (2) Thankful Hewett —; he died in Voluntown, May 10, 1798, aged 57

They had children:

- 1182. i. Ethel,⁶ junior.
- 1183. ii. Perez.
- 1184. iii. Elizabeth.
- 1185. iv. Esther.
- 1186. v. Cyrus.
- 1187. vi. Jemima.
- 1188. vii. Henry.

511. **JOSEPH⁵ PALMER**, son of Dr. Joseph⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Zipporah (Billings) Palmer, was born February 1, 1745. He resided for awhile on Pendelton Hill, in Stonington; thence journeyed to Lenox, New York. He had the nick name of "Joe Down" to distinguish him from "Joe Upper", Elijah's Joe and Lieutenant Joe, all of Stonington, and was Joe down the hill, when Joe lived on the hill.

He married, 1770, Susannah Kenny of Voluntown, daughter of Justice Jeremy Kenny; the marriage service was read by Rev. Eleazer Brown, pastor of the Baptist church in Voluntown; she was born in 1748, and was twenty-two years of age at the time of marriage, and died December 8, 1851, aged 103 years, while living with her son, Asher, in Lenox, New York. He died in 1829, aged 85 years.

They had children:

- 1189. i. (Deacon) Stephen,⁶ born June 14, 1771.
- 1190. ii. Susannah, born February 28, 1773.
- 1191. iii. (Rev.) Chester, born January 20, 1775.
- 1192. iv. Joseph, born November 18, 1778.
- 1193. v. Elias, born March 3, 1781.
- 1194. vi. Lucy, born June 29, 1783.

- 1195. vii. Wheeler, born December 2, 1785.
- 1196. viii. Wealthy, born May 3, 1788.
- 1197. ix. An infant, born and died in 1791.
- 1198. x. (Captain) Asher, born December 8, 1792.
- 1199. xi. William Ledyard, born May 8, 1795.

512. ZIPPORAH⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Joseph⁴ (*George*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Zipporah (Billings) Palmer, was born March 31, 1757. She married —.

They had children:

- 1200. i. William⁶ Coats.
- 1201. ii. Cynthia Coats.
- 1202. iii. Eunice Coats.
- 1203. iv. Billings Coats.
- 1204. v. Perry Coats.
- 1205. vi. Rufus Coats.
- 1206. vii. Cary Coats.
- 1207. viii. Noyes Coats.
- 1208. ix. Ransom Coats.

513. CONTENT⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Joseph⁴ (*George*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Phebe (Palmer) Palmer, was born August 8, 1749. She was married in Voluntown, by Elder Wait Palmer, December 24, 1754, to Joseph Randall, son of Nathan and Mary (Cottrell) Randall, who was born September 8, 1733.

They had children:

- 1209. i. Joseph⁶ Randall, born January 12, 1756.
- 1210. ii. Reuben Randall, born April 1, 1757.
- 1211. iii. Christopher Randall, born November 17, 1758.
- 1212. iv. Ichabod Randall, born October 2, 1761.
- 1213. v. Isaac Randall, born December 23, 1763.
- 1214. vi. Content Randall, born May 20, 1766.
- 1215. vii. Amy Randall, born May 15, 1768.
- 1216. viii. Stephen Randall.
- 1217. ix. Kitty Randall.
- 1218. x. Wait Randall, born March 6, 1779.

514. GERSHOM⁵ PALMER, son of Dr. Joseph⁴ (*George*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Zipporah Billings Palmer, was

born 1755. He united with the Baptist Church, on Pendleton Hill, in Stonington, where he resided. He married in Stonington, January 1, 1778, Zerviah Palmer, daughter of Rev. Gershom and Dorothy (Brown) Palmer, who was born in Preston, Conn., 1756, died December 16, 1832, aged 76 years; he died April 30, 1831, aged 76 years, at Pendleton Hill.

They had children, born in Stonington:

- 1219. i. Gershom,⁹ born December 31, 1778.
- 1220. ii. Jairus, born February 22, 1781.
- 1221. iii. Julius, born September 11, 1784.
- 1222. iv. Zerviah, born January 21, 1787.
- 1223. v. Jemima, born July 17, 1789.
- 1224. vi. Silence, born June 4, 1792.
- 1225. vii. Ruby.
- 1226. viii. Temperance.
- 1227. ix. Abel, born February 6, 1801.

515. JEMIMA⁵ PALMER, a daughter of Dr. Joseph⁴ (George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹) and Zipporah (Billings) Palmer, was born ——. She married Jonathan Phillips.

They had children:

- 1228. i. Ethel⁴ Phillips.
- 1229. ii. Palmer Phillips.
- 1230. iii. Joseph Phillips.
- 1231. iv. Jemima Phillips.
- 1232. v. Polly Phillips.
- 1233. vi. Sally Phillips.

516. EUNICE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Dr. Joseph⁴ (George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹) and Zipporah (Billings) Palmer. She married in Stonington, June 30, 1780, Stuckley Palmer, a son of Wait and Mary (Stafford) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, January 23, 1758.

518. MARY⁵ PALMER, daughter of George⁴ Palmer, junior, (George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹) and Hannah

(Marsh) Palmer, was born in Coventry, Windham County, Conn., April 19, 1739-40. She married October 19, 1763, Daniel Dickinson, who was born in Hartford, Hartford County, Conn., September 14, 1739. They removed to Still Water, Saratoga County, New York, where he died, November 17, 1812; she died there, February 14, 1806, aged 67 years.

They had children:

- 1234. i. Mary Ann^e Dickinson, born October 7, 1764.
- 1235. ii. George Dickinson, born June 14, 1766.
- 1236. iii. Isaac Dickinson, born July 22, 1768.
- 1237. iv. Daniel Dickinson, born February 7, 1770.
- 1238. v. A daughter, born March 28, 1773.
- 1239. vi. Samuel Dickinson, born April 12, 1774.
- 1240. vii. Hannah Dickinson, born November 27, 1778.

522. ELIAS⁵ PALMER, son of George⁴ (*George*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Marsh) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 29, 1756. He removed to Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York. He married (1) in 1777, Huldah Whiting, who was born in Norfolk, Hartford County, Conn., in 1754, a daughter of the widow Whiting; she died September 3, 1798; he married (2) June 3, 1808, the widow Elizabeth Hall, a daughter of Jonathan and Martha Southmaid, who died August 24, 1823; he married (3) Mrs. Mercy Keyes; he died in Stillwater, November 4, 1858, aged 82 years.

Children, all by the first wife:

- 1241. i. Polly,^e born October, 1778.
- 1242. ii. George, born May 4, 1780.
- 1243. iii. Amy, born February 24, 1782.
- 1244. iv. Betsey, born April 2, 1784.
- 1245. v. Nancy, born February 2, 1786.
- 1246. vi. James, born August 12, 1788.
- 1247. vii. Henry, born November 18, 1790.
- 1248. viii. Ashbel, born December 11, 1792.
- 1249. ix. Cynthia, born April 11, 1796.

523. HANNAH⁵ PALMER, daughter of George⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Hannah (Marsh) Palmer, was born September 13, 1760. She married William Mead.

525. PRUDENCE⁵ PALMER, daughter of Rev. Gershom⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Brown) Palmer, was born in Preston, August 18, 1748. She married (1) William Breed; she married (2) James Thomson; she had died before 1799, when her father's will was drawn, in which he mentioned the heirs of his deceased daughter, Prudence Thomson. William Breed was son of Allen and Ann (Cole) Breed, and was born September 20, 1745.

Children by William Breed:

- 1250. i. Lucretia^a Breed.
- 1251. ii. Prudence Breed.
- 1252. iii. Zurviah Breed.

Children by James Thomson:

- 1253. iv. William Thomson.
- 1254. v. James Thomson.
- 1255. vi. Betsey Thomson.

526. DOLLY⁵ (DOROTHY) PALMER, daughter of Rev. Gershom⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Brown) Palmer, was born —; she married, as his second wife, in Voluntown, February 13, 1772, Nathan Randall, who had married (1) Borodel Palmer (see number 476). They resided in Paris, New York, where she died May 31, 1830; he died May 29, 1823.

Children by Mrs. Dolly (Palmer) Randall:

- 1256. v. Lydia^a Randall, born December 23, 1772.
- 1257. vi. Dolly Randall, born March 16, 1775.
- 1258. vii. Naomi Randall, born April 12, 1777.
- 1259. viii. Nathan Randall, born August 25, 1779.
- 1260. ix. George Randall, born February 3, 1782.
- 1261. x. Abel Randall, born April 27, 1784.

1262. xi. Gershom Randall, born November 15, 1786.
 1263. xii. Lucy Randall, born May 20, 1789.
 1264. xiii. Sabra Randall, born September 30, 1791.
 1265. xiv. Bishop Heber Randall, born May 17, 1794.

530. REV. REUBEN⁵ PALMER, son of Rev. Gershom⁴ (*George,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Dorothy (Brown) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 12, 1759. He was first ordained as Elder in the Baptist church of Preston, and while there was called to the old Baptist church in Montville, New London County, Conn. He served until he was publicly installed, December 25, 1798, and there continued until the time of his decease. He married November 16, 1780, Lucretia Tyler, daughter of Caleb and Hannah (Barnes) Tyler, who was born in Preston, November 12, 1764; died in Montville, August 15, 1855, aged 91 years. He died there April 22, 1822, aged 63 years.

They had children:

1266. i. Hannah,⁶ born December 25, 1781.
 1267. ii. Sally, born October 16, 1783.
 1268. iii. (Rev.) Reuben, born December 26, 1784.
 1269. iv. Lucretia, born April 25, 1786.
 1270. v. Mary, born December 17, 1787.
 1271. vi. Caleb, born June 29, 1790.
 1272. vii. Tyler, born March 4, 1792.
 1273. viii. Gideon, born October 23, 1793.
 1274. ix. Joshua, October 15, 1795.
 1275. x. Gershom, born August 6, 1796.
 1276. xi. Samuel, born February 11, 1798.
 1277. xii. Rhoda, born October 18, 1799.
 1278. xiii. Peter A., born May 11, 1801.
 1279. xiv. Achsah, born May 12, 1803.
 1280. xv. Lois, born December 30, 1804.
 1281. xvi. Emma, born December 30, 1807.
 1282. xvii. Thankful, born January 29, 1809.

535. WALTER⁵ PALMER, son of Walter⁴ (*Walter,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Mercy (Hinckley) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 17, 1737. He

settled in Voluntown, Windham County, Conn., early in the year 1765. March 7, 1775, his father, "Mr. Walter Palmer," was appointed as guardian of the children of Walter Palmer, junior, late deceased, all minors. October 7, 1783, his widow, Mrs. Margaret Palmer, gave in to court her account for the administration of his estate.

Walter Palmer, junior, married in Stonington, May 22, 1759, Margaret Frink; he died in Voluntown, January 6, 1775; she married (2) Uzziel Frink, in Plainfield; she daughter of Isaac and Anna Frink, born in Stonington, November 13, 1739.

Walter and Margaret Palmer had children:

- 1283. i. Walter,⁶ born September 19, 1760.
- 1284. ii. Vose, born August 12, 1762.
- 1285. iii. Molly, born August 13, 1764. Not mentioned in settlement of estate.
- 1286. iv. Bridget, born February 14, 1767.
- 1287. v. Isaac, born August 17, 1769.
- 1288. vi. Anna, born October 14, 1771.

537. MARY⁵ PALMER, daughter of Walter⁴ (*Walter*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mercy (Hinckley) Palmer, was born in Stonington, where she was baptized March 21, 1742. She married there, January 10, 1762, Simon Pendleton.

They had children:

- 1289. i. Ethan⁶ Pendleton.
- 1290. ii. Bathsheba Pendleton.

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540. ELIJAH⁶ PALMER, son of Samuel⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Silsby) Palmer, was born in Scotland, March, 1739-40. June 30, 1761, his father gave a deed of thirty acres of land in Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., to his son, Elijah Palmer of Kent, in the "Reserve." Elijah's name was on the tax list of Kent from this time up to 1798. April 23, 1787, Elijah Palmer of Warren, Litchfield County, November 23, 1803, with his wife, give a "bond of maintenance for Ira Stone of Huntington, New York." (Land records of Warren, Vol. 5, p. 92.)

Elijah Palmer married in Kent, November 18, 1766, Elizabeth Higginbotham, who died in Warren, June 23, 1796, he married (2) December 8, 1796, Elizabeth Stone.

541. NATHANIEL⁶ PALMER, son of Samuel⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Silsby) Palmer, was born in Scotland, March 2, 1742. His name first appears on the records of Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., in 1762. November 1, 1766, he registers in Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Mass, where he gave a deed of sale of sixty acres of land in Kent to Joseph Smith of Plainfield, Conn. January 13, 1789, Nathaniel Palmer of Warner, New Hampshire, sold to Elnathan Palmer of Orford, New Hampshire, for three hundred pounds "the land where my father, Samuel Palmer now lives in Warren, Conn." From Warner, he removed to Orford, Grafton County, New

Hampshire. "About the year 1789, he went to Orford and bought a farm. In the first years of his residence in Orford food was so scarce that the family were forced to subsist almost entirely on greens, and when meal was needed, he used to go to Charlemont, Mass., some sixty miles distant. He was a mill-wright and built a mill, soon after coming to Orford, in the near town of Stratford, Vermont. This mill was a great aid to him and his neighbors, as it enabled them to obtain supplies nearer home. His sons built several bridges across the Connecticut River, at different points in the summer months."

Nathaniel Palmer married in Stockbridge, Mass., August, 1771, Lois West, who was born in Tolland, Tolland County, Connecticut, 1745, died in (either Warner or Orford) June 22, 1789; he married (2) Mrs. Mindwell Dewey, of Hebron, Conn., who died in Orford, July 4, 1829; he died there November 10, 1875.

They had children:

- 1291. i. Jared,⁷ born May 22, 1772.
- 1292. ii. Calvin, born December 29, 1773.
- 1293. iii. Stephen West, born December 19, 1775.
- 1294. iv. Elijah, born February 21, 1778.
- 1295. v. Horace, born February 27, 1780, at Warren, Conn.
- 1296. vi. Samuel, born January 27, 1782.
- 1297. vii. Clara, born February, 1784.
- 1298. viii. Nathaniel, born May 14, 1786.

542. EZEKIEL⁶ PALMER, son of Samuel⁶ (*Samuel*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Lydia (Silsby) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, December 15, 1744. On December, 30, 1767, Ezekiel Palmer of Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., sold eight acres in East Greenwich, in Kent, with a house thereon, to John Bliss. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 283.) May 2, 1768, he sold to his brother, Zebulon of New Milford, Conn., seven acres. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 395.) December 1, 1767, he bought eight acres of David Brown and David

Tracy of Amenia, N. Y. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 306.) February 23, 1798, he bought from Samuel Palmer twenty acres. (*Ibid*, Vol. 1, p. 282 of Warren.) January 11, 1799, he sold his house and joiner's shop, in Warren, to John Eyles. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 248.)

Ezekiel Palmer married in Kent, October 23, 1766, Margaret Peck, a daughter of Ebenezer and Mercy (Castle) Peck, and a lineal descendant from Paul Peck of Windsor, Conn., who was baptized in Kent by Rev. Cyrus Marsh, June 12, 1752; she died January, 1799, and he went to his son, Urban, in Spencer, N. Y., where he died February 17, 1815, aged 71 years.

They had children:

- 1299. i. Silsby,⁷ born May 30, 1767; died in Cayuga Co., N. Y., 1807.
- 1300. ii. Hannah, born September 15, 1769; died August 26, 1776.
- 1301. iii. Lydia, born October 12, 1771; died August 1, 1776.
- 1302. iv. Abel, born January 13, 1774.
- 1303. v. Joseph, born September 17, 1777 (1778); died January, 1813.
- 1304. vi. Lydia, born August 23, 1778 (1781); died January, 1812.
- 1305. vii. Shubael, born December 11, 1783 (1784).
- 1306. viii. Urban, born July 7, 1787.

544. ELNATHAN⁶ PALMER, son of Samuel⁵ (*Samuel⁴, Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Silsby) Palmer, was born in Mansfield, Windham County, Conn., August 20, 1750. In 1772, Asa and Elizabeth Leffingwell of Plainfield, Conn., sold to Elnathan Palmer of Kent, a tract of land there. (Land records of Kent, Vol. 4, p. 548.) January 13, 1789, Nathaniel Palmer of Warren sold for three hundred pounds to Elnathan Palmer of Orford, Grafton County, New Hampshire, the tract of land my father Samuel Palmer now lives on in Warren. (*Ibid*, Vol. 2, p. 77.) On the same date, Elnathan Palmer of Orford, for twenty pounds

paid "by my father Samuel Palmer," gave a deed of the house where Samuel then lived, together with one-half of the orchard and of a sixty-acres lot in Warren, and bound himself to leave his father in quiet possession thereof during his natural life, and that of his "now" wife Tabitha Palmer, if she survive him and as long as she remained his widow. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 104.) This deed probably marks about the time the father made his second marriage, which is not on record at Warren. April 2, 1793, Elnathan Palmer of Warren, Conn., sold to Levi Shore, of Danby, Conn., the 4th, 24th and 25th lots of land, reserving two acres for his daughter Lucy Palmer. He was also one of the proprietors of the town of Richmond, New Hampshire, when the General Court gave them as an equivalent the town of Turner, Maine, but he does not seem to ever have been a resident of either place. April 7, 1803, Elnathan Palmer of Warren gave a deed of one-half of his farm to his sons, Jesse and Samuel, "for their settlement in life." He is said to have removed to Ohio.

He married, while in New Hampshire, Jemima Strong, of Lyme, New Hampshire, who died June 28, 1815. He died August 1, 1823.

They had children:

- 1307. i. Jesse.⁷
- 1308. ii. Samuel.
- 1309. iii. Lucy.

545. STEPHEN⁶ PALMER, son of Samuel⁵ (*Samuel*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Lydia (Silsby) Palmer, was born in Mansfield, Windham County, Conn., November 29, 1752. He married Sarah Griswold. (Perhaps they removed to Westchester, New York.)

They had children:

- 1310. i. William.⁷
- 1311. ii. John.
- 1312. iii. Stephen.

- 1313. iv. Ira, born March 23, 1780.
- 1314. v. Lucinda.
- 1315. vi. Sally.
- 1316. vii. Eunice.

561. CAPTAIN LEVI⁶ PALMER, son of Rev. John⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Esther (Cleveland) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish July 7, 1750. He was by trade a currier and tanner. He lived in Bashan, parish of East Haddam, was probably a captain in the militia, as that title is cut on his grave stone. His dwelling in Bashan is in good preservation, and was given to his youngest son Horace, after Captain Levi's decease, and from it his daughter Polly was married.

He married in East Haddam, Conn., July 21, 1767, Elizabeth Cone, a daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Gates) Cone, who was born July 1, 1751; died June 2, 1828; he died at Bashan, Conn., February 14, 1835, aged 85 years.

They had children, born in Bashan:

- 1317. i. Dorothy,⁷ born November 21, 1768.
- 1318. ii. Levi, junior, born December 28, 1770.
- 1319. iii. Aaron Cone, born February 5, 1773.
- 1320. iv. William, born August 12, 1775.
- 1321. v. Isaac, born September 17, 1777, d. y.
- 1322. vi. Elizabeth, born April 8, 1779.
- 1323. vii. George, born May 22, 1781.
- 1324. viii. Esther, born October 24, 1783.
- 1325. ix. Polly, born December 3, 1785.
- 1326. x. Julia, born February 3, 1788.
- 1327. xi. Oliver, born February 10, 1791.
- 1328. xii. Anna, born March 22, 1793.
- 1329. xiii. Horace, born February 24, 1797.

562. ESTHER⁶ PALMER, daughter of Rev. John⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Esther (Cleveland) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, July 12, 1752-3. She married, June 15, 1772, Jeremiah Brigham, son of Gamaliel Brigham.

563. JOHN PALMER,⁶ son of Rev. John⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Eames) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, September 12, 1756. He went, first, to Townsend, Middlesex County, Mass., where his brother, Rev. David Palmer, spent the greater part of his life; but later removed to New Durham, Green County, New York. He married (1) Polly Percival, who died —; he married (2) Statira Camfield. He died in New Durham in 1822.

564. MARSHALL⁶ PALMER, son of Rev. John⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Eames) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, December 24, 1758. April 27, 1780, he enlisted in the company of which Nathaniel Wales was captain, under Major-General Oliver Walcott, when he was appointed sergeant and served until January 1, 1781, during the New Haven alarm. He married, October 9, 1785, Eunice Manning. He died in Scotland, July 7, 1812.

They had children :

- 1330. i. Charles,⁷ born March 12, 1786; died July 14, 1786.
- 1331. ii. Charles, born June 23, 1787.
- 1332. iii. Eunice, born January 19, 1789.

565. SAMUEL⁶ PALMER, son of Rev. John⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Eames) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, January 6, 1762. He went to Montville, New London County, Conn., where he passed sixty years as a teacher. He married October 30, 1780, Thankful Clark.

They had children:

- 1333. i. John,⁷ born December 15, 1782.
- 1334. ii. Lydia, born September 25, 1784.
- 1335. iii. Robert, born March 29, 1787.
- 1336. iv. Samuel, born August 25, 1789.
- 1337. v. Nelson, born November 15, 1791.
- 1338. vi. Lucy.

567. REV. DAVID⁶ PALMER, son of Rev. John⁵ (*Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lydia (Eames) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, April 20, 1769. He studied at Dartmouth and was graduated in 1797. Then he studied divinity with the Rev. Andrew Lee of Lisbon, Conn., and with Rev. Stephen Farrar of New Ipswich, New Hampshire. He was ordained pastor of the church at Townsend, Middlesex County, Mass., January 1, 1800. "At the time of Rev. Mr. Palmer's ordination this was a very different place from what it was when either of his predecessors entered the ministry. He was a decidedly popular man in all social relations, and his influence as a townsman was felt particularly by the children and youths of Townsend. There was not a school in town that did not hail his appearance with pleasure. He entered into the spirit of improvement of all things; music he loved, possessed a cultivated voice and ear. He was also a practical educator outside of the pulpit. About twenty young men fitted for college with him. About the year 1825, the contest between the Unitarians and the Congregationalists began in Townsend, and people voted that the meeting-house might be used alternately by each denomination. Owing to a misunderstanding, one Sabbath, coming into the church the pastor found that the Unitarians had procured their champion, Rev. Mr. Thayer of Lancaster, Mass., and put him into the place. Walking up in front of the pulpit, Mr. Palmer turned and addressed his people, stating that he felt that the pulpit by right belonged to him, but as another man had been put into his place he should not enter into controversy by remaining. He declared his purpose to return to the school-house, and such as should follow him he would preach to there. Immediately as the pastor left the house he was followed by his flock, until not a member of the church remained behind, and not one of the singers formed a choir. His text was: 'Should such a man as I flee, and who is there that being as I

am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.' (Nehemiah vi., 11.) The readiness of his text and his conduct in previously exchanging with the Unitarian pastor shows that he was ready to live in peace with the whole town. After the episode in the meeting-house, he declared his readiness to cede to the request of the Unitarians that they might use the meeting-house one-quarter of the time and to exchange with them; but the people refused, built a brick meeting-house, repudiated Mr. Palmer as their minister, and chose another to take his place. Thereupon the Unitarians dismissed their own pastor, and replaced Mr. Palmer in his own pulpit for a time. When again dismissed he preached from July, 1830, at Brookline, New Hampshire, for some time, but returned to Townsend, where he became a teacher. As a compliment to his integrity and from motives of benevolence and respect, he was elected by the town as their representative to the General Court in 1833 and 1834."—[History of Townsend, Mass., page 102, *et seq.*]

Rev. David Palmer married in Windham, Conn., 1794, Chloe Kinsley, daughter of John Kinsley, who was born in Scotland parish, December 19, 1770, died in Townsend, Mass., September 25, 1851; he died in Townsend, February 18, 1849, aged 80 years.

They had children:

- 1339. i. David,¹ born, d. y.
- 1340. ii. Mary, born October 6, 1800.
- 1341. iii. Lucia, born September 26, 1801.
- 1342. iv. David, born 1803.
- 1343. v. John Kinsley, born February 5, 1805.
- 1344. vi. Levi, born December 10, 1808.
- 1345. vii. Lydia, born March 24, 1812.

609. ISAAC⁶ PALMER, son of Joseph⁵ (*Seth,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, April 19, 1759; died there January 24, 1767.

610. JOSEPH⁶ PALMER, son of Joseph⁵ (*Seth*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Joseph*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, January 13, 1761. He served in the Revolution, and removed to Vermont before 1785, thence going to Washington County, Ohio, where he was a member of the Legislature in 1807. He married, February 7, 1785, Hannah Fox, who was born August 2, 1763, died August 4, 1836; he died March 22, 1831.

They had children:

- 1346. i. Joseph,⁷ born November 24, 1785.
- 1347. ii. Jabesh Fox, born August 31, 1788.
- 1348. iii. Benjamin Franklin, born November 10, 1791.
- 1349. iv. Jerusha Perkins, born August 12, 1794.
- 1350. v. Isaac Lasel, born January 11, 1797.
- 1351. vi. Ephraim, born August 4, 1799.
- 1352. vii. Betsey, born February 4, 1803; died at Brown Hills, Ohio, October 1, 1867, aged 64 years.

611. ABIGAIL⁶ PALMER, daughter of Joseph⁵ (*Seth*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, January 13, 1761, a twin with her brother Joseph. She married October 19, 1780, Nathan Morgan, son of Samuel and Bethia (Parish) Morgan, who was born in Scotland parish, September, 6, 1758.

They had children:

- 1353. i. Nathan Morgan,⁷ born in Scotland parish, October 14, 1781.

612. ZENAS⁶ PALMER, son of Joseph⁵ (*Seth*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, May 25, 1764. From Windham County, he removed to Fairfax, Franklin County, Vermont. He married — — —.

They had children:

- 1354. i. Lydia,⁷ born in 1789.
- 1355. ii. David, born in 1792.

- 1356. iii. Abigail, born in 1793.
- 1357. iv. Asa, born in (1795).
- 1358. v. Samuel, born in 1796.
- 1359. vi. Martin, born in 1798.
- 1360. vii. Louisa, born in 1799.
- 1361. viii. Maranda, born in 1801.
- 1362. ix. James, born in 1803.
- 1363. x. Ruby, born in 1807.
- 1364. xi. Martha, born in 1812.
- 1365. xii. Zenas.

613. CALVIN⁶ PALMER, son of Joseph⁵ (*Seth,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, September 1, 1766. He married October 6, 1791, Hannah Hartshorn, who died February 3, 1852. He died March 29, 1843.

They had children:

- 1366. i. Lucy,⁷ born December 6, 1792.
- 1367. ii. Henry, born February 7, 1794.
- 1368. iii. Ephraim, born December 2, 1795.
- 1369. iv. David, born January 2, 1798.
- 1370. v. Gurdon, born May 2, 1801.
- 1371. vi. William, born March 31, 1808.

615. SETH⁶ PALMER, 3d, son of Joseph⁵ (*Seth,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, May 12, 1771. He went to Bennington, Bennington County, Vermont. He married in Scotland parish, April 3, 1795, Patience Forbes.

They had children:

- 1372. i. Calvin,⁷ born in 1797.
- 1373. ii. (Dr.) Enos.
- 1374. iii. Dyer.
- 1375. iv. Amanda.

616. ISAAC⁶ PALMER, son of Joseph⁵ (*Seth,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, August 10, 1773. He married, December 10, 1795, Ruby Kinsley.

They had children:

1376. i. Alfred.⁷

1377. ii. Sophia.

618. ELIZABETH⁶ PALMER, daughter of Joseph⁵ (*Seth*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born June 12, 1778. She married, December 31, 1800, Thomas Barrows.

620. ESTHER⁶ PALMER, daughter of Joseph⁵ (*Seth*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Abigail (Lasell) Palmer, was born August 8, 1783. She married, February 9, 1814, Elisha Ingalls.

671. ELIZABETH⁶ PALMER, daughter of Shubael⁵ (*Gershom*,⁴ *Jonah*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Sibyl (Bingham) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, June 25, 1753. She married there, October 19, 1774, Jared Hebard.

They had children:

1378. i. Fanny⁷ Hebard, born February 4, died July 17, 1775.

1379. ii. Jared Hebard, born July 2, 1776.

1380. iii. Andrew Hebard, born December 29, 1777; died January 17, 1778.

1381. iv. Fanny Hebard, born July 26, 1780.

1382. v. Lora Hebard, born July 2, 1782.

1383. vi. Matilda Hebard, born August 24, 1784.

1384. vii. Shubael Palmer Hebard, born June 21, 1786.

1385. viii. Truman Hebard, born April 26, 1788.

1386. ix. Robert Hebard, born June 8, 1790.

674. JONAH⁶ PALMER, son of Shubael⁵ (*Gershom*,⁴ *Jonah*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Sibyl (Bingham) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, June 2, 1758. April 20, 1780-1, Jonah Palmer, of New Fane, Vermont, late Jonah Palmer, junior, of Windham, Conn., sold to Ezra Kinsley, the portion of land set off to

me as a son of Shubael Palmer, late deceased, in the estate of my grandfather, Gershom Palmer, which is contiguous to land of Elizabeth, Asanath, Josiah Palmer, my brothers and sisters.

675. DELIGHT⁶ PALMER, daughter of Shubael⁵ (*Gershom,⁴ Jonah,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Sibyl (Bingham) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, October 28, 1760. She married there, November 26, 1782, Daniel Bennet, of Preston, New London County, Conn.

676. JOSIAH⁶ PALMER, son of Shubael⁵ (*Gershom,⁴ Jonah,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Sibyl (Bingham) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, April 1, 1763. August 31, 1786, the estate of Josiah Palmer was distributed among his heirs; these were his brothers and sisters, namely, Elizabeth, Lucena, Delight and Sibyl Palmer, and Jonah and Gershom Palmer. His inventory was rendered February 20, 1785. He owned eleven acres of land. This apportion of his property seems to betoken that he had not been married.

697. VANIAH⁶ PALMER, son of Jonah⁵ (*Elihu,⁴ Jonah,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Abiah (Robinson) Palmer, was born in Scotland parish, February 17, 1758. In 1792, Vaniah Palmer of Windham, with Rufus and Zerviah Lothrop of Norwich, New London County, in the estate of Captain Ebenezer Lothrop (Land records, Vol. T, p. 311). He was one of the administrators of his late deceased father, Captain Jonah Palmer's estate, in which was mention of his sister, Desire Wilson.

Vaniah Palmer married, May 23, 1782, Cynthia Fitch, daughter of Ebenezer and Chloe (Kingsbury) Fitch, who was born November 19, 1761. He died February 24, 1829.

They had children:

- 1387. i. Cynthia,⁷ born May 9, 1784.
- 1388. ii. Parmelia, born October 3, 1786; died August 31, 1791.
- 1389. iii. William, born November 7, 1788.
- 1390. iv. Ebenezer Fitch, born June 19, 1791; died the same day.
- 1391. v. Chloe, born December 19, 1792.
- 1392. vi. John, born March 12, 1795.
- 1393. vii. Alice, born December 10, 1797.
- 1394. viii. Sanford, born May 5, 1800.

724. CAPTAIN AMOS⁶ PALMER, son of Captain Joseph⁵ (*Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Catherine (Coats) Palmer, was born in Stonington, March 11, 1747. He was captain of the schooner *Fortune*, of two guns and ten men, a privateer. Later, while in command of the sloop *Right Hand*, of Stonington, he was captured. On the 9th of August, 1814, Captain F. M. Hardy, of H. B. M. Ship *Ramilies*, sent a despatch to the inhabitants of Stonington, demanding the removal of the inhabitants, as he was on the point of bombarding the place. The attack began about eight o'clock the same evening, which was spiritedly defended by the people and the British forced to retire. Captain Amos Palmer, on August 21, 1815, sent a full report of the proceeding on this occasion to William H. Crawford, Secretary of War, which gave a detailed report. (Palmer Record, Page 95.) He was representative for Stonington in 1792, 1795, '96, '97, 1801, 1802, 1804, 1807, 1809, 1810, 1811.

Amos Palmer's will was drawn February 27, 1811, probated March 11, 1816. In it he mentions his wife Sally, and gave her the use and improvement of the farm "that was my father's, and adjoining to the farm of Denison Palmer, with the house I now live in on the road to Pawtucket Bridge, with the household goods." His wearing apparel was "to be cut up and divided among his sons." He mentioned his daughter

Fanny, wife of Captain Thomas Swan; Betsey, wife of N. F. Nixon; Harriet married Mr. Swan; Emma unmarried; she to receive one thousand dollars; if either of his daughters be left a widow, or Emma remained unmarried, they were to receive the use of the south great chamber, one-half of the kitchen, the chamber with the garret over it, one-fourth of the cellar, one-half of a lot of land in the Commons. He mentioned his granddaughter, Ann R. Hammond, daughter of James and Phebe Hammond, she to have two hundred and fifty dollars. His sons Amos, Benjamin Franklin, William Rhodes, Courtlandt and George, each to receive one-fifth of the remaining part of the estate. His inventory amounted to sixteen thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars.

Captain Amos Palmer married in Stonington, November 8, 1775, Phebe Brown, daughter of Samuel and Phebe (Wilson) Brown, who was born in Little Compton, Rhode Island, died in Stonington, September 9, 1781; he married (2), October 16, 1785, Mrs. Sally Rhodes, daughter of Col. James Rhodes.

Children by the first wife:

- 1395. i. Fanny,⁷ born July 9, 1776.
- 1396. ii. Elizabeth (Betsey), born August 16, 1777.

Children by the second wife:

- 1397. iii. Phebe⁷, born July 11, 1786.
- 1398. iv. Amos, born March 24, 1788.
- 1399. v. Harriet, born August 20, 1790.
- 1400. vi. Benjamin Franklin, born July 10, 1793.
- 1401. vii. William Rhodes, born October 18, 1795.
- 1402. viii. Emma, born January 2, 1798.
- 1403. ix. Courtlandt, born November 11, 1800.
- 1404. x. (Dr.) George Edwin, born April 15, 1803.

738. GERSHOM⁶ PALMER, son of Gershom⁵ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mehitable (Badger) Palmer, was born in Coventry, December 5, 1738. He was a school teacher and resided in

Woodstock, Vermont. He married in Coventry, May 8, 1760, Lucy Fields.

They had children:

- 1405. i. Elizabeth,⁷ born April 19, 1761.
- 1406. ii. Oliver, born June 25, 1763.
- 1407. iii. Bethiah.
- 1408. iv. Hannah.
- 1409. v. Mehitable.
- 1410. vi. Gershom.
- 1411. vii. Bennit.
- 1412. viii. Lucy.
- 1413. ix. (Judge) Walter.
- 1414. x. Betsey.

740. ELIAS⁶ PALMER, son of Gershom⁵ (*Benjamin,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mehitable (Badger) Palmer, was born in Coventry, January 5, 1744. He married, January 10, 1768, Elizabeth Stow.

They had children:

- 1415. i. Mary,⁷ born June 10, 1768.
- 1416. ii. Martha, born May 27, 1770.
- 1417. iii. Elias, born July 23, 1772, died November 9, 1779.
- 1418. iv. Welthey.
- 1419. v. Sarah.
- 1420. vi. John, born December 25, 1778.
- 1421. vii. Eunice, born January 6, 1779.
- 1422. viii. Elizabeth.
- 1423. ix. Elias, born in 1783.
- 1424. x. Lois.

741. REBECCA⁶ PALMER, daughter of Gershom⁵ (*Benjamin,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mehitable (Badger) Palmer, was born in Coventry, March 27, 1747. She married Dr. Rhodes and settled in Bridgewater, New York.

743. MEHITABLE⁶ PALMER, daughter of Gershom⁵ (*Benjamin,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Mehitable (Badger) Palmer, was born in Coventry, August 10, 1750. She married Jabez Cummings.

745. ABEL⁶ PALMER, son of Gershom⁵ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mehitable (Badger) Palmer, was born in Coventry, August 12, 1757. He was in the Revolutionary War and was in the battle of Ticonderoga. He was also a poetical wit. He removed to Orwell, Vermont, thence to Powell, Vermont, in 1793, and finally settled in Moscow, Tioga County, New York. He married in 1778-9, Lucy Rice, who died in Moscow, March 29, 1824, aged 66 years; he died there September 27, 1822, aged 65 years.

They had children:

- 1425. i. Betsey,⁷ born December 15, 1780.
- 1426. ii. (Dr.) Asa, born March 9, 1783.
- 1427. iii. George W., born May 12, 1785.
- 1428. iv. Louisa, born March 19, 1786.
- 1429. v. Isaac, d. y.
- 1430. vi. Peter, born May 24, 1791.
- 1431. vii. Alvin, d. y.
- 1432. viii. Norman, born August 1, 1793.
- 1433. ix. Mary, d. y.
- 1434. x. Almy, born November 13, 1799.

746. SALLY⁶ PALMER, daughter of Gershom⁵ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Mehitable (Badger) Palmer, was born in Coventry, April 28, 1767. She married Mr. Rindge, and resided in South Bridgewater, New York.

753. JOSEPH⁶ PALMER, son of Benjamin⁵ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Esther (Hayward) Palmer, was born in Ashford, Windham County, Ct., November 8, 1756. June 26, 1787, Deacon Joseph Palmer bought of Joshua Lothrop of Norwich, New London, for two hundred and thirty-eight pounds, land his deceased father, Benjamin Palmer, gave a deed of, bounded by land of Samuel Allen. (Land records, vol. 12, p. 25.) October 13, 1789, Benjamin and Ruth Sumner gave a deed to Joseph Palmer, of

their rights in the estate of their late deceased father, Benjamin Palmer, of a farm which "our deceased father deeded to Dr. Joshua Lothrop, of Norwich, with the buildings." (*Ibid.*, vol. 12, p. 26.) April 30, 1789, Benjamin Palmer, William and Esther Rice, Asaph and Rachel Smith, junior, Nathan Palmer, all of Ashford, gave a quit-claim deed, for thirty pounds seven shillings and nine pence, to their brother, Joseph Palmer, of Ashford, of all their rights in the land of their deceased father, Benjamin Palmer. (*Ibid.*, vol. 12, p. 27.) November 26, 1797, Joseph Palmer bought for thirty-six pounds of Jonathan Nichols, a blacksmith's shop in the Eastford Society. (*Ibid.*, vol. 12, p. 519.) December 19, 1794, Dr. Joseph Palmer of Ashford, together with John Palmer of Washington, Litchfield County, Conn., bought for three hundred pounds, ten acres of land in Ashford. (*Ibid.*, vol. 12, p. 536.) August 24, 1799, Joseph Palmer of Ashford, sold for five hundred dollars to John Palmer of Ashford, the land they lately bought together of Mr. Nichols. (Land records, vol. 13, p. 320.)

Joseph Palmer married March (May) 1, 1778, Sarah Weld, who was born in Ashford, November 11, 1757, died there March 22, 1830, aged 72 years; he died there March 13, 1825, aged 68 years.

They had children:

- 1435. i. Stephen Fielder,⁷ born December 21, 1778.
- 1436. ii. (Dr.) Joseph, born October 10, 1781.
- 1437. iii. Sarah, born May 4, 1782.
- 1438. iv. Thomas, born May 4, 1784.
- 1439. v. Mary Weld, born September 20, 1786.
- 1440. vi. John, born April 7, 1789.

754. BENJAMIN⁶ PALMER, son of Benjamin⁵ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Esther (Hayward) Palmer, was born in Ashford, March 26, 1759. April 30, 1798, with his brothers and sisters, he gave a quit-claim deed to his brother, Joseph, of rights in the estate of their deceased father, Benjamin Palmer.

November 8, 1792, he bought for two hundred and ten pounds of Robert Wilcox of Exeter, Rhode Island, buildings and land which comprised one half of the farm of Samuel Whipple, one hundred and seventy-one acres. (Land records, vol. 12, p. 280.) December 26, 1795, he bought another piece of one hundred and twenty acres of this same Robert Wilcox. (*Ibid*, vol. 13, p. 33.)

He married, in Simsbury, June, 1784, Martha Barbour, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Case) Palmer, who was born in Simsbury, October 27, 1760.

They had children:

- 1441.⁶ i. Benjamin,⁷ born January 30, 1785.
- 1442. ii. Friend, born March 14, 1787.
- 1443. iii. Thomas, born February 4, 1789.
- 1444. iv. Chauncy, born June 19, 1792.
- 1445. v. Catherine, born September, 1, 1794.
- 1446. vi. Laura, born October 21, 1796.
- 1447. vii. Titus, born August 4, 1799.
- 1448. viii. George, born August 1, 1801.
- 1449. ix. A son, died young.

755. JOHN⁶ PALMER, son of Benjamin⁵ (*Benjamin,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹*) and Esther (Hayward) Palmer, was born in Ashford, March 12, 1761. On December 19, 1794, he, then of Washington, Litchfield County, Conn., bought from his brother, Joseph, for three hundred pounds, ten acres of land in Ashford. This deed shows that for some time he resided in the western part of Connecticut. But he eventually returned, as is proved by a deed signed August 24, 1799, in which he bought, for five hundred dollars, from his brother, Joseph, a tract of land in Ashford, he signing as then a resident of Ashford, which land they had together purchased from Mr. N. Nichols. (Land records, vol. 13, p. 320.) John Palmer married, March 27, 1787, Cynthia Hamlin.

They had children:

- 1450. i. Mason,⁷ born May 7, 1788.

- 1451. ii. Mary, born September 28, 1792.
- 1452. iii. Almira, born October 28, 1794.
- 1453. iv. John, born December 19, 1796.
- 1454. v. Cynthia, born August 31, 1805.

756. ESTHER⁵ PALMER, daughter of Benjamin (Benjamin,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹) and Esther (Hayward) Palmer, was born in Ashford, February 16, 1763. On April 30, 1799, with her husband, William Rice, she gave a quit-claim for rights in the estate of her deceased father, Benjamin Palmer. (Land records, vol. 12, p. 27.) She married William Rice of Stafford, Tolland County, Conn.

They had children:

- 1455. i. Sophy⁷ Rice.
- 1456. ii. Betsey Rice.
- 1457. ii. Almira Rice.

758. NATHAN⁵ PALMER, son of Benjamin⁵ (Benjamin,⁴ Joseph,³ Nehemiah,² Walter¹) and Esther (Hayward) Palmer, was born in Ashford, November 28, 1766. March 13, 1792, he bought for £130 of Jacob Preston, a house, barn and five acres of land in Ashford. (Land records, vol. 12, p. 217.) May 28, 1793, he bought of James Messenger a small piece of land. (*Ibid*, vol. 12, p. 334.) He married, November 26, 1792, Mary Brown, who was born in Ashford, June 21, 1769, died there October 20, 1846, aged 77 years; he died March 28, 1852.

They had children:

- 1458. i. Mary⁷ (Polly), born December 27, 1793.
- 1459. ii. James Brown, born July 11, 1796.
- 1460. iii. Nathan, born August 18, 1804.
- 1461. iv. Virgil Maro, born March 7, 1808.
- 1462. v. Stephen L.

760. RUTH⁶ PALMER, daughter of Benjamin⁶ (*Benjamin*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Esther (Hayward) Palmer, was born May 17, 1770. October 13, 1789, Benjamin and Ruth Sumner of Ashford, gave a quit-claim to their brother, Joseph Palmer, of rights in estate of their deceased father, Benjamin Palmer, in a farm owned by him, of which our father gave a deed to Dr. Joshua Lothrop of Norwich. (Land records, vol 12, p. 26.)

Ruth Palmer married Benjamin Sumner, probably son of Samuel and Hannah Sumner of Ashford.

Had children:

- 1463. i. Harriet⁷ Sumner.
- 1464. ii. Child, born and died same day.
- 1465. iii. Marian Sumner.
- 1466. iv. Pamela Sumner.

867. ROSWELL⁶ SALTONSTALL PALMER, son of Captain Andrew⁶ (*Dr. Nathan*,⁴ *Daniel*,³ *Nehemiah*,² *Walter*¹) and Lucy (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 1, 1766. He settled in Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Mass., where he founded a very prosperous family. He married, in 1788, Desire Palmer, daughter of James and Hannah (Chesborough) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, August 1, 1776.

They had children:

- 1467. i. Hannah.⁷
- 1468. ii. Rebecca.
- 1469. iii. Desire.
- 1470. iv. Paul Smith, born November 11, 1796.
- 1471. v. Matilda.
- 1472. vi. William Pitt, born February 22, 1801.
- 1473. vii. Harriet Eliza.
- 1474. viii. Henry Dwight.
- 1475. ix. Hannah.

1040. LUTHER⁶ PALMER, son of Colonel Elias Sandford⁶ (*Ichabod*,⁴ *Ichabod*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and

Phebe (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, November 25, 1774. He married (1) December 12, 1799, Sarah Kenyon, daughter of Joshua and Mary (Cross) Kenyon, who was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, —; died in Stonington, July 13, 1815; he married (2) January 5, 1817, Sarah Wells, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Robinson) Palmer Wells, who was born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, 1792, died in Stonington, July, 1859; he died there February 22, 1865, aged 89 years.

Children by the first wife:

- 1476. i. Elias Sanford,⁷ born May 27, 1801.
- 1477. ii. Mary, born March 1, 1803.
- 1478. iii. Sarah, born February 25, 1805.
- 1479. iv. Luther Averill, born November 25, 1807.
- 1480. v. Phebe, born January 27, 1809.
- 1481. vi. Albert Gallatin, born May 11, 1813.
- 1482. vii. Anne Potter, born July 31, 1815.

Children by the second wife:

- 1483. viii. Thomas Robinson,⁷ born September 29, 1819.
- 1484. ix. Lucius Noyes, born July 2, 1821.
- 1485. x. Julia Wells, born July 24, 1824.
- 1486. xi. Elizabeth Maria, born April 3, 1826.
- 1487. xii. Harriet Clarinda, born May 1, 1828.
- 1488. xiii. Robert Potter, born July 6, 1830.

1114. WAIT⁶ PALMER, 3d son of Wait⁵ (*Wait*,^{*} *William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Safford) Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 2, 1753. May 30, 1790, Wait Palmer of the District of Ballstown, New York, sold for thirty pounds, to his brother, Stuckley Palmer, of Stonington, all his own rights in the estate of their late deceased father, Wait Palmer, junior, in the North Society, of Stonington.

1116. STUCKLEY⁶ PALMER, son of Wait⁵ (*Wait*,⁴ *William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Safford) Palmer, was born in Stonington, January 23, 1758.

May 30, 1780, he took from his brother, Wait 3d, all his rights in the estate of their late deceased father, Wait, junior. (Land records, Vol. 11, p. 124.)

Stuckley Palmer married in Stonington, June 30, 1780, Eunice Palmer, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Phebe (Palmer) Palmer.

They had children:

- 1489. i. Eunice,⁷ born September 9, 1781.
- 1490. ii. Ruhamah, born June 20, 1782.
- 1491. iii. Sabra, born February 27, 1784.
- 1492. iv. Stuckley, born October 12, 1785.
- 1493. v. Eli, born August 16, 1790.
- 1494. vi. Elizabeth, born June 29, 1793.

1117. CHARLES⁶ PALMER, son of Wait⁵ (*Wait*,⁴ *William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Safford) Palmer, was born in Stonington, June 25, 1760. January 14, 1788, Charles Palmer of Guilford, Vermont, sold for twenty-one pounds, to his brother, Asa Palmer of Stonington, his part of the farm of his deceased father, Wait Palmer, junior, lately owned in Stonington, bounded by land belonging to Gershom, William and Vose Palmer, and by Asa's own land, twelve and one-half acres. (Land records, Vol. 11, p. 124.)

1118. ASA⁶ PALMER, son of Wait⁵ (*Wait*,⁴ *William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Mary (Safford) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 7, 1763. January 14, 1788, he bought his brother Charles's share of their father's estate. March, 1794, he sold to Elias Sandford Palmer, land he had recently purchased from William and Susan Sheldon of Richmond, Rhode Island, which was a parcel of land which had been set off to Polly Coats and to Charles Palmer. (Land records, Vol. 11, p. 156, 157.)

Asa Palmer married in Stonington, January 29, 1786, Lucy Brown.

They had children:

- 1495. i. Asa⁷ Junior, born September 16, 1786.
- 1496. ii. Stafford, born February 12, 1788.
- 1497. iii. Adam, born April 9, 1790.

1119. ROWLAND⁶ PALMER, son of Wait⁵ (*Wait⁴, William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Safford) Palmer, was born in Stonington, October 31, 1766. He went from his residence on Pendleton Hill, to Otsego, New York, in 1793. February 1, 1793, Billings and Polly Coats sold for twenty-two pounds, their share in the estate of their late deceased father, Wait Palmer, junior, to Rowland Palmer.

He married in Stonington, January 1, 1792, Sabra Palmer, daughter of Dr. Joseph and (his second wife) Mrs. Elizabeth (Stewart) Palmer, who was born in Stonington, April 25, 1767, died July, 1850, aged 83 years; he died in Lafayette, New York, April 29, 1856.

They had children:

- 1498. i. Lucretia,⁷ born October 24, 1792.
- 1499. ii. Avery F., born February 1, 1795.
- 1500. iii. Waterman, born August 30, 1798.
- 1501. iv. Betsey, born June 3, 1802.
- 1502. v. Prentice, born September 22, 1804.
- 1503. vi. Ransom, born March 30, 1807.
- 1504. vii. Orrin D., born March 29, 1811.

1120. MARY⁶ PALMER, daughter of Wait⁵ (*Wait⁴, William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Mary (Stafford) Palmer, was born in Stonington, August 24, 1770. February 1, 1793, Billings and Polly Coats sold to their brother, Rowland Palmer, all their share in the estate of their deceased father, Wait Palmer, junior. (Land records, Vol. 12, p. 69.)

1137. HANNAH⁶ PALMER, daughter of Ebenezer⁵ (*Elder Wait⁴, William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and

Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, October 14, 1759. She married Gershom Ray, and they removed to New York State.

They had children:

- 1505. i. Gershom⁷ Ray.
- 1506. ii. Hannah Ray.
- 1507. iii. Gideon Ray.
- 1508. iv. Palmer Ray.
- 1509. v. Lucinda Ray.
- 1510. vi. Lucy Ray.

1138. LUCY⁶ PALMER, daughter of Ebenezer⁵ (*Elder Wait,⁴ William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, September 7, 1761. She married, March 11, 1781, James York, son of Bell and Ruth (Main) York, who was born September 11, 1756.

They had children:

- 1511. i. Lucy⁷ York, born January 29, 1782.
- 1512. ii. Hannah York, born March 24, 1783.
- 1513. iii. Martha York, born June 14, 1784.
- 1514. iv. Susanna York, born October 20, 1786.
- 1515. v. Abby York, born May 22, 1790.

1139. MARTHA⁶ PALMER, daughter of Ebenezer⁵ (*Elder Wait,⁴ William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington, July 26, 1764. She married Gilbert Main.

They had children:

- 1516. i. Gilbert⁷ Main, junior.
- 1517. ii. Palmer Main.

1140. UZZIEL⁶ PALMER, son of Ebenezer⁵ (*Elder Wait,⁴ William,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington. On March 8, 1790, Elder Wait Palmer gave a deed of a tract of land to be divided equally between his grandsons Uzziel and Israel, sons of his son, Ebenezer Palmer, late

deceased. (Land records, vol. 11, p. 109). In 1797 Israel Palmer bought from his brother, Uzziel Palmer, the land and buildings thereon which our grandfather, Elder Wait Palmer, gave to us, his grandsons, Uzziel and Israel Palmer. (*Ibid*, vol. 12, p. 472). Uzziel Palmer married in Stonington, March 25, 1790, Nabby Morgan. He was a mariner and first resided on Pendleton Hill, in North Stonington, thence removed to East Aurora, Erie County, New York.

They had children:

- 1518. i. Nabby,⁷ born June 7, 1791.
- 1519. ii. Uzziel, born February 1, 1793.
- 1520. iii. William, born May 10, 1795.
- 1521. iv. Sanford, born March 3, 1798.
- 1522. v. Samuel, born March 2, 1798, twin with Sanford.
- 1523. vi. Fanny, born May 1, 1800.
- 1524. vii. Gideon Avery, born January 24, 1803.
- 1525. viii. Martin, born October 23, 1805.
- 1526. ix. Celissa (Selissa), born October 31, 1808.

1141. ISRAEL⁶ PALMER, son of Ebenezer⁵ (*Elder Wait*,⁴ *William*,³ *Gershom*,² *Walter*¹) and Hannah (Palmer) Palmer, was born in Stonington in 1770-1. March 8, 1790, Elder Wait Palmer gave a tract of land in Stonington to his two grandsons, Uzziel and Israel, sons of his deceased son, Ebenezer Palmer, said land to be equally divided between them by Elias Palmer, Amos Randall and Alexander Thompson. (Land records, vol. 11, p. 109). In 1797 Israel bought his brother Uzziel's share of this land. He lived on Pendleton Hill, in North Stonington. He married, in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, 1791, Lydia Worden, who was born 1770, died in Stonington December 10, 1826, aged 56 years; he married (2) Hannah Brown. He died August 14, 1838, aged 67 years.

They had children:

- 1527. i. Israel, junior,⁷ born November 15, 1793.
- 1528. ii. Amos, born February 20, 1794.

- 1529. iii. Lydia, born December 10, 1796.
- 1530. iv. Joshua, born August 4, 1798.
- 1531. v. Ezra, born February 21, 1800.
- 1532. vi. Jane, born February 2, 1801.
- 1533. vii. Hannah, born February 2, 1801, twin with Jane.
- 1534. viii. Susannah, born December 28, 1803.
- 1535. ix. Sophia, born and died 1805.
- 1536. x. An infant, died young.
- 1537. xi. Lucy, born August 5, 1809.
- 1538. xii. Clarissa Andrews, born April 12, 1811.

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1291. JARED⁷ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁶ (*Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lois (West) Palmer, was born in Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Mass., May 22, 1772. He was a farmer, and lived in Orford, Grafton County, New Hampshire, just on the borders of Vermont, having its nearest railroad station in the adjacent town of Fairlie, Vermont. He married (1) in Orford, November 21, 1798, Anna Horsford, who was born in Thetford, Vermont, February 17, 1775; he married (2) January 9, 1833, Sarah Russell, who was born June 10, 1784; he died in Orford at the age of 87 years in 1859.

The children by the first wife:

- 1539. i. Louisa,* born November 19, 1799.
- 1540. ii. Anna, born April 20, 1802.
- 1541. iii. Samuel, born October 27, 1803.
- 1542. iv. Abigail, born November 8, 1805.
- 1543. v. Amanda, born June 8, 1807.
- 1544. vi. David, born March 26, 1809.
- 1545. vii. Martha, born March 31, 1811.
- 1546. viii. Mary, born March 11, 1811 (twin with Martha).
- 1547. ix. Rosette, born December 10, 1813.
- 1548. x. Elihu Horsford, born October 4, 1815.
- 1549. xi. Lucena, born November 17, 1817.

1292. CALVIN⁷ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁶ (*Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lois (West) Palmer, was born in Stockbridge, Mass., December 29, 1773. He married, in Orford, New Hampshire, November 18, 1804, Esther Derby, a daughter of Jonathan

and Sarah (Strong) Derby, who died in Berkshire, Vermont; he died in Stratford, New Hampshire, in 1850, aged 77 years.

They had children:

- 1550. i. Marcus.⁶
- 1551. ii. Almira.
- 1552. iii. Lovina.
- 1553. iv. Rosette.
- 1554. v. Marietta.
- 1555. vi. Alexander.

1293. STEPHEN WEST⁷ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁶ (*Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lois (West) Palmer, was born in Warren, Litchfield County, Conn., December 19, 1775. With his father (who was a physician) he lived in Orford and remained on the old farm. He married, November 17, 1825, Nancy Stratton, who was born in Fairlee, Vermont, October 30, 1787, died in Orford; he died there March 10, 1857, aged 82 years.

They had children:

- 1556. i. William⁸ Stratton, born in Orfordville, Grafton County, New Hampshire, August 6, 1827.
- 1557. ii. Abigail

1294. ELIJAH⁷ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁶ (*Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lois (West) Palmer, was born in Warren, Conn., February 21, 1778. He married, November 18, 1804, Olive W. Niles, who was born in Orford, June, 5, 1785, died in Randolph, Norfolk County, Mass., February 1, 1844.

They had children:

- 1558. i. Nathaniel,⁸ born August 20, 1805.
- 1559. ii. John N., born February 19, 1807.
- 1560. iii. Flavella G., born November 25, 1808.
- 1561. iv. Elijah Wait, born August 23, 1812.
- 1562. v. Austen, born February 20, 1814.
- 1563. vi. Cyrus, born September 4, 1817; died October 1, 1818.

1564. vii. George W., born July 23, 1820.
 1565. viii. Cyrus, born February 9, 1821.
 1566. ix. Henry M., born August 1, 1823.
 1567. x. Harriet, born May 10, 1826.

1295. HORACE⁷ PALMER, son of Nathaniel⁶ (*Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Jonas², Walter¹*) and Lois (West) Palmer, was born February 27, 1780. He remained at Orford, where he married, October 14, 1810, Lydia Caldwell, who was born in Thetford, Vermont, May 20, 1789, died in Orford, November 11, 1835, aged 46 years; he died there, November 5, 1806, aged 76 years.

They had children:

1568. i. Lydia⁸ S., born September 9, 1811.
 1569. ii. Sarah, born December 5, 1812.
 1570. iii. Clarissa, born November 22, 1814.
 1571. iv. Mercy P., born November 15, 1816.
 1572. v. Lucinda, born January 11, 1819.
 1573. vi. Ann M., born February 11, 1821.
 1574. vii. David, born August 9, 1824.
 1575. viii. Horace S., born December 15, 1826.
 1576. ix. Alavoisa F., born December 5, 1828.
 1577. x. Rebecca F., born September 6, 1830.
 1578. xi. Herman H., born November 1, 1831.

1296. SAMUEL⁷, son of Nathaniel⁶ (*Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Jonas², Walter¹*) and Lois (West) Palmer, was born January 27, 1782, died in Orford, June 7, 1791.

1302. ABEL⁷ PALMER, son of Ezekiel⁶ (*Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Jonas², Walter¹*) and Margaret (Peck) Palmer, was born in Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., January 13, 1774. On November, 1813, Abel Palmer, with his wife, Mary, then residing in Middletown, Delaware County, New York, gave a quitclaim deed of all their rights to the estate of her late deceased father, Benjamin Sanders, of Warren, Conn. (Land records, Vol. 4, p. 509.)

1305. SHUBAEL⁷ PALMER, son of Ezekiel⁶ (*Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Margaret (Peck) Palmer, was born in Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut, December 11, 1783. Soon after his mother's death, in 1799, he went to New York, and worked in a shipyard on the Hudson River, removing to Delaware County.

Shubael Palmer married in 1803, Hannah Mitchell, who died in Spencer, Tioga County, October 28, 1861; he died in Spencer, June 17, 1859.

They had children:

- 1579. i. Fanny,⁸ born November, 1804.
- 1580. ii. Amy, born November, 1806.
- 1581. iii. Margaret Maria, born April, 1809.
- 1582. iv. Ana Mitchell, born May, 1811.
- 1583. v. Ebenezer, born April, 1815.
- 1584. vi. Sarah L., born in Spencer, October, 1817.
- 1585. vii. Phineas, born in Spencer, October, 1820.
- 1586. viii. Ruby Amelia, born in Spencer, February, 1825.
- 1587. ix. John Hawley, born in Spencer. July, 1827.
- 1588. x. Abel Orlando, born in Spencer, December, 1829.

1306. Rev. URBAN⁷ PALMER, son of Ezekiel⁶ (*Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Margaret (Peck) Palmer, was born in Kent, Conn., July 7, 1787. He entered the ministry and was settled in Danby (a section set off from the parent town of Spencer, Tioga County), New York, in 1812. From there he officiated in the town of Ludlowville, New York State, in 1819. The Society for Evangelization sent him to work in the Western Reserve in their interests, and he preached and carried on the religious work of the Society in Kingsville, Ohio, in 1828, but finally settled in Chester, Ohio.

He married in Warren, Conn., December 22, 1811, Lucy Ranney, a daughter of Julius and Jerusha (Spencer) Ranney, who was born in Warren, July 19, 1794, died in Chester, Ohio, March 16, 1838; he died there, November 3, 1847.

They had children:

- 1589. i. Chester,⁸ born December 13, 1812.
- 1590. ii. Harriet, born May 10, 1815; died June 23, 1831, in Chester.
- 1591. iii. Jerusha, born February 2, 1818; died October 10, 1819, in Ludlowville.
- 1592. iv. Chalmers, born October 12, 1821; died July 16, 1826, in Kingsville, Ohio.
- 1593. v. Julius Ranney, born February 11, 1827; died February 25, 1830, in Kingsville.
- 1594. vi. Julius Chalmers, born July 9, 1829; died February 25, 1830, in Kingsville.
- 1595. vii. Emeline, born April 10, 1831; died May 12, 1832, in Chester.
- 1596. viii. Edward Payson, youngest son of Rev. Urban (Ezekiel, Samuel, Samuel, Samuel, Jonas, Walter), was born in Chester, Ohio, September 16, 1833. He married, January 5, 1865, in Marysville, California, Delia Green, who was born in Painesville, Ohio, October 14, 1838.

They had children:

- 1596a. i. Charles⁹ Edward, born September 5, 1867.
- 1596b. ii. Etta Mae, born July 12, 1880.

1318. LEVI⁷ PALMER, son of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, Conn., December 28, 1770. He married, September 24, 1793, Lydia Emmons, who was born November 4, 1770, died June 7, 1830; he died April 25, 1837.

They had children:

- 1597. i. Roxilana,⁹ born January 15, 1794.
- 1598. ii. Julius, b. November 3, 1795; died April 29, 1798.
- 1599. iii. Levi 3d, born December 12, 1797.
- 1600. iv. Ephaphroditus, born March 8, 1800.
- 1601. v. Diodate, born January 9, 1802.
- 1602. vi. Mary, born May 5, 1804.
- 1603. vii. Clarissa, born April 19, 1806.
- 1604. viii. Samuel, born July 31, 1808; died July 31, 1808.
- 1605. ix. Rufus, born February 5, 1810; died same day.
- 1606. x. Daniel, born May 10, died May 11, 1815.

1319. AARON⁷ (CONE) PALMER, son of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born February 5, 1773. He married in East Haddam, Conn., Azubah Brainard; he died June 23, 1845.

They had children:

- 1607. i. Brainard.⁸
- 1608. ii. Eliza.
- 1609. iii. Harriet.
- 1610. iv. Frederic.
- 1611. v. Levi.
- 1612. vi. Adaline.

1320. WILLIAM⁷ PALMER, son of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, August 12, 1775. He married Dorothy Smith of East Haddam. They had children:

- 1613. i. William.⁸
- 1614. ii. Sophronia.
- 1615. iii. Carlisle.
- 1616. iv. Eveline.
- 1617. v. Gertrude.
- 1618. vi. John Cleaveland.
- 1619. vii. Albert.

1322. ELIZABETH⁷ PALMER, daughter of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, April 8, 1779. She married Captain Stephen Heath of Warehouse Point, Hartford County, Conn. She died Oct. 31, 1841. They had children:

- 1620. i. William⁸ Heath.
- 1621. ii. Bulkley Heath.
- 1622. iii. Elizabeth Heath.

1323. GEORGE⁷ PALMER, son of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, May 22, 1781. He married (1) Roxanna Brainard; he married (2) Catherine Ransom; he married (3) Louise Brooks.

Children by Roxana:

- 1623. i. Anna.^s
- 1624. ii. George, junior.
- 1625. iii. Edmund.

Children by Catherine:

- 1626. iv. Joseph.
- 1627. v. Henry.

Children by Louise:

- 1628. vi. Jane.
- 1629. vii. Ellen.

1324. ESTHER⁷ PALMER, daughter of Captain Levi^s (Rev. John,^s Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, October 24, 1783. She married Caleb Stockbridge of Hartford, Conn.

1325. POLLY⁷ PALMER, daughter of Captain Levi^s (Rev. John,^s Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹) and Lydia (Eames) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, December 3, 1785. She married, March 29, 1807, Lord Sterling of Lyme, Conn. The lines of Sterling descend from Walter de Sterling, who was born 1130. (Copied from the Registry of the Sterlings of Kier, on file in the National Library of Glasgow, Scotland, and in the Boston Public Library.) The first of the name known in New England was David Sterling (Starlin), who was born in Hertfordshire, England, in 1622; settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1651. From him, through his son, William, who was born in Haverhill, Essex County, Mass., and removed to Lyme, Conn., his son, Daniel, of Lyme, his son Joseph, his son, Samuel, who married (1) Elizabeth (Perkins), married (2) Annah Stow, a daughter of Captain Jabez and Annah (Lord) Stow, came their son, Lord Sterling, who was born in Lyme, April 3, 1780. He died in Lima, New York, 1866; she died in Webster, New York, March 7, 1859.

They had children:

- 1630. i. Mary Anne,⁸ born in Lyme, November 23, 1807.
- 1631. ii. Samuel Levi, born in Lyme, May 12, 1809.
- 1632. iii. Elizabeth Ellen, born in Lyme, November 10, 1810.
- 1633. iv. Oliver Lord, born in Germon, New York, September 29, 1812.
- 1634. v. George Stow, born in Germon, N. Y., April 15, 1815.
- 1635. vi. Hannah, born in Germon, February 2, 1817.
- 1636. vii. Sarah Wakeley, born in Germon, December 9, 1819.
- 1637. viii. Harriet Anna, born in Germon, November 9, 1821.
- 1638. ix. James Munroe, born in Germon, April 3, 1824.
- 1639. x. Esther Maria, born in Germon, February 5, 1826.
- 1640. xi. Theresa Maria, born June 25, 1828.

1326. JULIA⁷ PALMER, daughter of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, Conn., February 3, 1788. She married Peter Martin of East Haddam.

They had children:

- 1641. i. Palmer⁸ Martin.
- 1642. ii. Julia Martin.
- 1643. iii. Janette Martin.
- 1644. iv. Almira Martin.
- 1645. v. Ripley Martin.
- 1646. vi. Abbe Martin.
- 1647. vii. Henry Martin.

1327. OLIVER CONE⁷ PALMER, son of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born in East Haddam, February 10, 1791; he married Lois Palmer.

They had children:

- 1648. i. Hobart.⁸
- 1649. ii. Norman.

1328. ANNA⁷ PALMER, daughter of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born March 22, 1793. She married Daniel Chapman.

They had children:

- 1650. i. Harriet Maria^a Chapman.
- 1651. ii. William Henry Chapman.
- 1652. iii. Edwin Chapman, died young.
- 1653. iv. Anna Eliza Chapman.
- 1654. v. Emeline Maria Chapman.
- 1655. vi. Eveline Louis Chapman.
- 1656. vii. Julia Isabel Chapman.
- 1657. viii. Edwin Cornelius Chapman.

1329. HORACE⁷ PALMER, son of Captain Levi⁶ (*Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Elizabeth (Cone) Palmer, was born February 24, 1797. He married Teresa Fox; he died April 17, 1846.

They had one child:

- 1658. Teresa Maria.^a

1484. DR. LUCIUS NOYES⁷ PALMER, son of Luther⁶ (*Colonel Elias Sanford,⁵ Ichabod,⁴ Ichabod,³ Gershom,² Walter¹*) and Sarah (Wells) Palmer, was born in Stonington, July 2, 1821. He received his medical degree from the University of the City of New York in 1848. He settled in practice in Brooklyn, New York. He married in Brooklyn, on July 12, 1850, Anna Culbert, a daughter of John and Jennie (Crothers) Culbert of Brooklyn, who was born in New York City, January 25, 1835. He died in Brooklyn, June 18, 1885.

They had children:

- 1659. i. Gertrude,^a born September 26, 1856.
- 1660. ii. J. Culbert, born December 9, 1859.
- 1661. iii. Lucius Noyes, Junior, born February 7, 1867.
- 1662. iv. Jean Culbert, born April 9, 1872.

THE EIGHTH GENERATION.



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1556. WILLIAM STRATTON⁶ PALMER, son of Stephen⁷ West (*Nathaniel*,⁶ *Samuel*,⁵ *Samuel*,⁴ *Samuel*,³ *Jonas*,² *Walter*¹) and Nancy (Stratton) Palmer, was born in Orfordville, Grafton County, New Hampshire, August 6, 1827. He was a student in Thetford Academy, Vermont, under Principal Hiram Orcutt. After his graduation, he taught in Kingston, Rhode Island, two years; then became principal of the Berwick Academy, at South Berwick, Maine. From the summer of 1856 he was principal of the Central High School in Cleveland, Ohio, giving instruction in Latin and Greek, until 1859, when he returned to Orfordville and studied, by himself, Hebrew. May, 1859, he was appointed to preach, by the Orange Association, assembled at Dr. Lord's at Hanover, New Hampshire, and supplied the pulpit at Littleton, New Hampshire. From September, 1859, until August, 1861, he attended the lectures of Professors Park, Shield and Phelps at Andover, Massachusetts, all the while preaching in various pulpits. He was ordained to the pastorate at Wells River, Vermont, over the Congregational Church, February 19, 1862. "Here he continued for twelve years and a half, seeing the small church of 1862 become one of the strongest in the state and especially remarkable for the energetic and devout business and professional men in its membership, while the tone of society in the village and vicinity was happily transformed." In 1874 he accepted a call to preside over the church, second Congregational, at Norwich, Conn., where he preached for the next fifteen

years, when his health suddenly failed and he was forced to resign his pastorate, October, 1889. He spent a year in European travel, and returned with such improved health as to enable him to preach occasionally in several pulpits, retaining his residence in Norwich. On November, 1892, he accepted the pastorate of the church in the neighboring town of Lebanon, where he still continues to officiate.

William Stratton Palmer married February 5, 1855, at Brookfield, Vermont, Fannie Parish Walbridge, youngest daughter of Williams Walbridge of Stafford, Conn.

1589. CHESTER⁸ PALMER, son of Rev. Urban⁷ (*Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Lucy (Ranney) Palmer, was born in Warren, Litchfield County, Conn., December 13, 1812. After a residence in Chester, Tioga County, New York, he went to Chester, Ohio, where he married (1) April 15, 1835, Achsah Smith Melvin, a daughter of Reuben and Achsah (Smith) Melvin, who was born in Cummington, Berkshire County, Mass., July 15, 1810, died in Chester, Ohio, May 7, 1850; he married in Chester, March 27, 1851, Mrs. Ann Wise Reid, who came to Ohio from Leicestershire, England, and died in Willoughby, Ohio, May 21, 1894; he died in Willoughby, May 24, 1894.

Children by the first wife:

- 1663. i. Harriet Kezia,⁹ born April 23, 1836.
- 1664. ii. Charles Eustice, born June 19, 1838.
- 1665. iii. Lucy Louise, born March 30, 1840.
- 1666. iv. Melvin Reuben, born January 1, 1842.
- 1667. v. Lowell Mason, born March 11, 1845.
- 1668. vi. Henry Urban, born February 26, 1849.

Child by the second wife:

- 1669. vii. Lura Eleanor, born June 16, 1856.

1596. EDWARD PAYSON⁸ PALMER, son of Rev. Urban and Lucy (Ranney) Palmer, was born in Chester, Ohio, September 16, 1833. He resides in California. He married in Marysville, California, January 5, 1865, Delia Green, who was born in Painesville, Ohio, October 14, 1838.

Children:

1596a. i. Charles Edward,⁹ born September 5, 1867.

1596b. ii. Etta Mae, born July 12, 1880.

1636. SARAH WAKELEY⁸ STERLING, daughter of Lord Sterling⁷ (*Captain Levi,⁶ Rev. John,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Polly Palmer, was born in Germon, New York, December 9, 1819. She married in Lima, New York, Worthy Stevens Streator, son of Isaac Hemingway Streator, junior (Isaac Hemmingway, Dr. John, Stephen, Samuel, Stephen, Stephen) and Clarina (Plumb) Streator, who was born in Hamilton, New York, October 16, 1816; resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

They had children:

1670. i. Helen Gertrude⁹ Streator, born in Aurora, Ohio, May 20, 1842.

1671. ii. Sterling Rush Streator, born in Ravenna, Ohio, December 31, 1845.

1672. iii. Henry Doolittle Streator, born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14, died August 26, 1851.

1673. iv. Edward H. Streator, born in Cleveland, August 20, 1855.

1674. v. Harold Arthur Streator, born August 5, 1861.

THE NINTH GENERATION.



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1663. HARRIET KEZIA⁹ PALMER, daughter of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Achsah Smith (Melvin), was born in Chester, Ohio, April 23, 1836. She married May 13, 1857, Stephen Hezekiah Bassett, who was born January 26, 1828. She died March 28, 1897.

They had children:

- 1675. i. Charles Eustice¹⁰ Bassett, born August 14, 1859; died May 10, 1859.
- 1676. ii. Mary Louise Bassett, born June 20, 1863.
- 1677. iii. Franche Adams Bassett, born October 29, 1864.
- 1678. iv. Willie Bassett, born January 10, 1867; died February 7, 1867.
- 1679. v. Hattie Bassett, born July 12, 1868; died September 15, 1870.
- 1680. vi. Alice Achsah Bassett, born February 9, 1870.
- 1681. vii. Nellie Grace Bassett, born September 18, 1872.

1664. CHARLES EUSTICE⁹ PALMER, son of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Achsah Smith (Melvin), was born June 19, 1838. He married at Chester, Ohio, (1) February 26, 1861, Betsey Ward Rising, who died at Glover, Missouri, July 12, 1863; he married (2) at Cleveland, Ohio, February 11, 1864, Mary Elizabeth Dickerman.

Child by the first wife:

- 1682. i. Emma Louise,¹⁰ born at Gower, Missouri, November 5, 1861.

Children by the second wife:

- 1683. ii. Nellie, born at Gower, January 26, 1865.
- 1684. iii. Gertrude, born at Fostoria, January 12, 1879.
- 1685. iv. Mary Elizabeth, born at Fostoria, February 22, 1880.

1665. LUCY LOUISE⁹ PALMER, daughter of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Achsah Smith (Melvin) Palmer, was born March 30, 1840. She married March 2, 1859, Porter P. Scott, at Chester.

They had Children:

- 1686. i. Della L.¹⁰ Scott, born June 14, 1860.
- 1687. ii. Creighton E. Scott, born February 20, 1864.
- 1688. iii. Florence M. Scott, born March 1, 1866.
- 1689. iv. Lucia M. Scott, born October 14, 1869.
- 1690. v. Gertrude A. Scott, born June 11, 1873.
- 1691. vi. Persis W. Scott, born April 23, 1877.
- 1692. vii. Lloyd P. Scott, born July 27, 1884.

1666. MELVIN⁹ R. PALMER, son of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Achsah Smith (Melvin) Palmer, was born January 1, 1842. He married at Stewartville, Missouri, July 25, 1867, Frances Crockett, a daughter of Traverse and Caroline (Fitzhugh) Crockett. He died at Toledo, Ohio, October 8, 1898.

They had children:

- 1693. i. Elgia Florence,¹⁰ born August 1, 1868.
- 1694. ii. Jeannette Crockett, born September 28, 1872.
- 1695. iii. Caroline Melvin, born June 28, 1882.

1667. LOWELL MASON⁹ PALMER, son of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Achsah Smith (Melvin) Palmer, was born in Chester, March 11, 1845. He married (1) in Brooklyn, New York, October 13, 1869, Harriet Merriam Wilde, who died in Brooklyn April 6, 1876.

He married (2) in Brooklyn, October 24, 1877, Grace Humphrey Foote, a daughter of Arthur W. and Elizabeth (Rieggles) Foote, who was born in Stamford, Connecticut, March 6, 1854.

They had children:

- 1696. i. Lowell¹⁰ Melvin, born November 9, 1878; married in Portland, Maine, December 2, 1899, Amy Jameson Burnham, daughter of Perez S. Burnham of Portland. Daughter: Eleanor Burnham Palmer, born in Brooklyn, October 5, 1900.
- 1697. ii. Arthur Wellington, born September 19, 1879.
- 1698. iii. Harold Irving, born December 14, 1880; died February 28, 1889.
- 1699. iv. Florence Edith, born February 1, 1882; married January 21, 1901, Theodore Weicker.
- 1700. v. Grace Marion, born September 25, 1883.
- 1701. vi. Lily Cortelyou, born March 19, 1885.
- 1702. vii. Ethel Josephine, born October 19, 1889.
- 1703. viii. Carleton Humphrey, born March 21, 1891.

1668. HENRY URBAN⁹ PALMER, son of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Achsah Smith (Melvin) Palmer, was born February 26, 1849. He married, March 3, 1881, Sarah Elizabeth Dexter, a daughter of George and Mary (Phelps) Dexter.

They had children:

- 1704. i. Austin Phelps,¹⁰ born June 4, 1884.
- 1705. ii. Chester Urban, born March 22, 1889.

1669. LURA ELEANOR⁹ PALMER, a daughter of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) ~~and Achsah Smith (Melvin)~~ Palmer, was born June 16, 1856. She married September 16, 1874, Andrew J. Orr.

They had children:

- 1706. i. Alice Ida¹⁰ Orr, born July 1, 1875.
- 1707. ii. Chester Andrew Orr, born December 6, 1882.
- 1708. iii. Louise Palmer Orr, born October 13, 1886.
- 1709. iv. Melvin Charles Orr, born December 21, 1888.

Ann Wise Reid

1670. HELEN GERTRUDE⁹ STREATOR, a daughter of Worthy Stevens Streator (*Sarah Walkley⁸ Sterling, Polly Palmer⁷ Sterling, Captain Levi⁶ Palmer, Rev. John⁵ Palmer, Samuel⁴ Palmer, Samuel³ Palmer, Jonas² Palmer, Walter¹ Palmer*), was born in Aurora, Ohio, May 20, 1842. She married in Cleveland, O., October 7, 1868, Eben Briggs Thomas, President of the Erie Railroad Company for many years, and one of the most successful railroad men in this country, a son of Ezra and Mary Nelson (Briggs) Thomas, who was born in Chatham, Canada, Dec. 22, 1838.

They have children:

- 1710. i. Gertrude Streator¹⁰ Thomas, born in Cleveland, O.
- 1711. ii. Helen Sterling Thomas, born in Cleveland, O.

THE TENTH GENERATION.

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1682. EMMA LOUISE¹⁰ PALMER, a daughter of Charles Eustice⁹ (*Chester,⁸ Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Betsey Ward (Rising) Palmer, was born in Gower, Missouri, November 6, 1861. She married at Fostoria, Ohio, September 11, 1883, Joseph T. Jamison.

They had children:

- 1712. i. Louise Emma¹¹ Jamison, born July 19, 1885.
- 1713. ii. Myrtle Mary Jamison, born October 21, 1887.
- 1714. iii. Charlie Palmer Jamison, born June 5, 1890.
- 1715. iv. Allen Rising Jamison, born September 23, 1892.

1683. NELLIE¹⁰ PALMER, a daughter of Charles Eustice⁹ (*Chester,⁸ Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) and Mary Elizabeth (Dickerman) Palmer, was born in Gower, Mo., January 26, 1865. She married in Fostoria, O., September 1, 1885, Marion Markwood Miller.

They had children:

- 1716. i. Helen Gertrude¹¹ Miller, born in Toledo, Ohio, November 26, 1887.

1686. DELLA L.¹⁰ SCOTT, a daughter of Porter P. Scott and Lucy Louise⁹ Palmer, a daughter of Chester⁸ (*Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*) was born June 14, 1860. She married November 8, 1876, John W. Thomas.

They had children:

- 1717. i. Hugh¹¹ Thomas, born January 14, 1879.
- 1718. ii. Florence Thomas, born September 28, 1883.
- 1719. iii. Milan S. Thomas, born April 10, 1887.
- 1720. iv. Andrew S. Thomas, born September 5, 1894.

1688. FLORENCE M.¹⁰ SCOTT, a daughter of Porter P. Scott and Lucy Louise⁹ Palmer (*Chester,⁸ Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*), was born March 1, 1866. She married, March 26, 1884, John W. Jenkins.

They had children:

- 1721. i. Arthur E. Jenkins, born January 27, 1885.
- 1722. ii. Lucy H. Jenkins, born September 29, 1886.
- 1723. iii. Mabel E. Jenkins, born January 1, 1890.
- 1724. iv. Gladden W. Jenkins, born December 31, 1893.
- 1725. v. Harrold S. Jenkins, born April 14, 1895.
- 1726. vi. Melvin Jenkins, born June 6, 1896.

1690. GERTRUDE A.¹⁰ SCOTT, a daughter of Porter P. Scott and Lucy Louise⁹ Palmer (*Chester,⁸ Rev. Urban,⁷ Ezekiel,⁶ Samuel,⁵ Samuel,⁴ Samuel,³ Jonas,² Walter¹*), was born June 11, 1873. She married at Chester, Ohio, June 30, 1896, Mead K. Cottrell.

They had:

- 1727. i. Arlound R.¹¹ Cottrell, born May 9, 1897.

MELVIN LINE.

THE FIRST GENERATION.

JOHN MELVIN.

THE first mention of John Melvin¹ yet learned, was that he, then living in Charlestown, Middlesex County, Mass., by profession a "taylor" (as it was almost always spelled at that period), was a private under Captain Joseph Sill, in the company which joined that of Captain Thomas HENCHMAN and marched to Packchouge (now the southerly part of the town of Worcester, Mass.) and camped for that night in a large wigwam which had been very recently occupied by a band of the hostile Indians. The next morning the companies marched back to Hassanamisco and there separated, the captain and part of the men tramping on to Marlborough, and then, on November 16, to Springfield, where thirty-nine of the men were left as guards. As John Melvin's receipt was dated November 30, 1676, he must have quitted his company at that date. On September 23, 1676, he signed another receipt for pay for services under Captain John CUTLER, whose company had served under Captain Thomas HENCHMAN at Hassanamisco.

January 3, 1681, John Melvin, taylor, bought from Matthew Smith for thirty-eight pounds, a house and land in Charlestown, Mass. October 25, 1684, John Melvin, taylor, and Robert Melvin, carpenter, each paid his first rate as a member of the Scots Charitable Society, of Boston, Suffolk County, Mass. This Society was the very first charitable organization in the New England states and was incited by the arrival of the distressed prisoners who were shipped after the disastrous battle of Dunbar, to the new colonies, to be sold

for a stated period as bondsmen. The Scots who were previously settled in Boston, on receiving intelligence of this disposition of their suffering fellow countrymen, immediately devised measures for the aid and solace of the prisoners as soon as they should come into port, and, to consolidate their work, formed this association, which at first was composed entirely of Scotchmen. The ship in which they came was the John and Sara, commanded by Commander John Greene. The letter of consignment was dated:—

"London, this II: of Nouember 1651.

mr. Thos: Kemble.

Wee whose names are vnder written freighters of the sh() John & Sara whereof is Commander John Greene doe Consigne the sjd shipp & servants to be disposed of by you for our best Advantage & account & the whole proceed of these servants and Voyage Retourne in a Joinct stocke without any division in such goods as you conceive will turne best to account in the Barbadoes & Consigne them to mr. Charles Rich' for the foresjd account & wt other pay yo meete with fit for this place send hither & take the Advise & Assistance of Capt. Jno Greene in disposall of the servants dispatch of the shipp or wt else may any wayes concerne the voyage thus wishing the shipp a safe voyage & God's blessing on the same not doubting of yor best care & dilligence. Remajne :

yor loving freinds Jo: BEEX

WILLIAM GREENE

Signatum et Recognitum
in pucia

Jo: Nottock notarius publ

Entered & Recorded at the Instant Request
of the sajd mr. Tho: Kemble p Edward Rawson Recorder
13 May 1652."

The total number of men shipped at this date was two hundred and seventy-one. The list of these men is given with "The persons afore named past from hence in the ship afore mentioned and according to order Registered heare, dat. Search Office, Gravesend 8th Nouember. 1651," and they sailed away with "God's blessing" invoked on the money making cargo.

The Melvins joined the association only thirty years later, and thus prove their purely Scotch origin as, up to that date, there were no other nationalities interested in the fate of these "rebels," and it was not until after 1700 that other country men cared to be consorted with the matter. The significant words "an Englishman" were written after the first alien name. This shows that the Melvins were of Scotch origin, a fact upheld by every descendant, however widely separated from the immigrant ancestor. When query was made the reply ever was "we are from Scotland."

The two Melvins whose names first appear continued yearly payment up to 1686, when Robert's name disappears; but John went on with his subscriptions until May 4, 1696, or about the period he removed to Concord, his name being written at each quarterly payment. In the same year, 1696, one David Melville was admitted and was probably he who went to Rhode Island later. There was another David Melvin, whose name comes in May, 1692; he may have been that David who resided in Boston and who was finally reduced to take charity from the very Association to which he had, in his prosperous days, given so readily.

The other purchase of land by John Melvin in Charlestown were a pasture of Samuel Carter in 1690-1, an acre and a half in the first division of lands and three and a half acres in the second division of lands in the "Stinted Pasture on Menotomy Lake." On November 3, 1696, he sold the three and a half acres to Peter Tufts. June 30, 1694, he sold the pasture land to John Row of Charlestown. August 26, 1695, together with Samuel Lewis of Malden, John Melvin acted as attorney "for my brother-in-law, John Lewis, of Windsor, Connecticut, and in conjunction with the other relations." Abraham Lewis of Rumney Marsh, Elizabeth and Bryant Burden, Mary and Samuel Penfield, Sarah and Joseph Brabrook, Tryal Lewis, Isaac Lewis, disposes of a parcel of estate which formerly belonged to their late deceased father, John Lewis of Malden, Middlesex County, Mass.

April 3, 1701, John Melvin, tailor, late of Charlestown, but now of Concord, Middlesex County, Mass., together with his wife, Margaret, sold for twenty pounds, to Stephen Kidder, two acres of land in the first division of the Stinted Commons in Charlestown. June 3, 1701, John Melvin sold for thirty-three pounds, to John Bateman, three acres of land in the north part of Concord, on the north side of the great river. July 3, 1701, he sold for six pounds, then styling himself as "husbandman," to John Green of Malden, a right to nine acres of land in Malden, which was three-tenths part of a parcel of land recovered out of the hands of John Green by the children and heirs of John Lewis, late of Malden, deceased.

August 30, 1727, he made a deed of gift to his son, David Melvin, of thirty acres of meadow and upland, which were bounded by land belonging to Roger Chandler, Jonathan Melvin and by John's own land. February 19, 1723-4, Archibald Mackollo, currier, gave a mortgage deed to his father-in-law, John Melvin, for his own house and land in the east part of Concord. In one of the deeds the name was spelled Melville.

John Melvin's will was drawn August 18, 1726, in Concord:—

"In the name of God, amen. I, John Melvin, of Concord In ye County of Middlesex, within the Province of Massachusetts Bay, In the New England Yeoman, being of Sound mind and memory through divine goodness but weak in body and knoeing the uncertainty of my life, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, utterly renouncing all other Wills and Testaments by me before made.

Imp. I Give and Commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it in hopes of eternal life through Jesus Christ and my body I commit unto the earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executrix here after named; and as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me I dispose of the same as follows my Funeral Charges and Debts being paid and Satisfied.

Item. I give unto my Son Jonathan Melvin and to my Son David Melvin the Sum of five shillings apiece to be paid within

three months after my Decease, they having had their portion already.

Item. I Give unto my Son Benjamin Melvin And his Heirs to those that are lawfully begotten of him forever, never to be sold by him or them unless my son Eleazer Melvin hereafter mentioned or his Natural Heirs Said Eleazer Melvin or his Heirs giving twelve pounds A certain piece of land four acres lying on the Easterly Side of the Highway, Easterly on a certain Pond, Northerly on land of Eliazer Brown and land belonging to ye heirs of Thomas Brown deceased and Southerly on land hereafter Given to my Son Eliazer Melvin.

Item. I Give to my son Eliazer Melvin and to the Heirs lawfully begotten of him forever all my House lott and Homestead in ye Northerly part of Concord lying on both sides of the Highway excepting about Seven acres lying upon the South Side of David Melvin's land and the four acres given as aforesaid together with the House and barn standing and being on Said Homestead and my Will is that the land should not be sold by said Eliazer Melvin or his heirs forever The Said Eliazer Melvin paying the Legacies herein mentioned if the moveable Estate abroad be not Sufficient Therefore.

Item. I Give unto my Daughter Hannah Bothrel the Sum of five pounds to be equally divided amongst her children, She having received the Sum of fifty pounds already. Said five pounds to be paid within two years after my Decease.

Item. I Give unto my Daughter Margaret Mecallow and her Heirs the Sum of thirty pounds to be paid within three years after my Decease and my will is that the Said Margaret Mecallow and my Son Eliazer Melvin their Heirs Shall have equally Divided amongst them all the moveable goods that may be left after the Decease of my wife hereafter named and Further my Will is that Eliazer Melvin aforesaid and his heirs shall Have and Enjoy forever my lott in the twenty acre and one half of my right in Concord Village, or New Grant to be improved and Disposed of without entail or bar as before mentioned; the other half in the Village right to be entailed on him and his natural Heirs forever as was the Homestead aforesaid.

Item. I Give to my Grandson Robert Melvin forty shillings money to be paid within one year after my Decease also I give to each other of my Grand children now born Hannah Bothrel's children aforesaid excepted the Sum of twenty shillings apiece to be paid unto them as they come of age respectively.

Item. I Give unto my Beloved wife Margaret Melvin the

whole and entire use and improvement of all the Lands afore mentioned during her natural life and also the Improvement of the personal estate excepting what is necessary to be disposed of for the payment of Debts and legacies. And I Do hereby Authorize and Impower my wife Margaret Melvin and Mr. John Flint of Concord, to whom I give twenty shillings to be the executors of this my last Will and Testament and my will is that what is wanting in the moveables abroad to satisfy and pay for Funeral expenses shall be paid by Said Eliazer Melvin out of the lands not entailed given as aforesaid. In witness whereof I the Said John Melvin have hereunto Set my hand and seal, August 18, 1726. JOHN MELVIN.

Witnessed
Eleazer Brown.
Abraham Estabrok
Benjamin Estabrok.

Sworn September 12, 1726.

I have read this will to the widow, Jonathan and David Melvin, Archibald Mackollo and his wife, and to Benjamin Melvin, September 22, 1726.

JOHN FLINT (pastor of the First Church in Concord).

John Melvin married (1) in Malden, Hannah, daughter of John and Mary (Brown) Lewis, who was born about 1655, died in Charlestown, May 23, 1696; he married (2), published in Boston, August 27, 1696, Margaret Shamesbury. He died in Concord, August 21, 1726, "in the 74th year of his age" (grave stone). In a deposition in 1684, he gave his age as 28 years, which conflicts with the date on the grave stone by about one year.

Children by the first wife, all born in Charlestown:

2. i. John,² born August 29, 1679.
3. ii. Hannah, born August 15, 1681.
4. iii. Robert, born June 23, 1683.
5. iv. James, born March 20, 1685-6.
6. v. Jonathan, born May 29, 1688.
7. vi. David, born October 29, 1690.
8. vii. Benjamin, born February 17, 1694-5.

Children by the second wife:

9. viii. Eliazer, born in Concord, June 28, 1703.
10. ix. Margaret, twin with Eliazer.

THE SECOND GENERATION.



GENEALOGY OF THE FAMIL

GALFRID MELVILLE OF MELVILL of King Malcolm the Fourth and nent courtier of these sovereign- burgh castle and justician of : Between 1170 and 1178 he gran of Dumferline and five of his so He was twice married, his second seven sons.

GREGORY MELVILLE of Melville eldest son who succeeded. He excaurbed the lands of Ednam, etc., in Roxbrugshire for those of Granton, etc., in Midlothian, and is mentioned in charters to his son.

GALFRID MELVILLE, who was probably ancestor of the family of Melville of Carn- ber.

THOMAS) brothers

SIR RICHARD MELVILLE, st Lion, from whom he rece daughter of Reginald Prat o wick with his sovereign an fealty to the English king.

WILLIAM MELVILLE mentioned in charters by his son Gregory.

SIR GREGORY MELVILLE, who between 1255-1271 confirmed a charter by his grandfather Sir Richard for maintaining a chaplaincy at Tartraven, through which lands he granted, in 1264, a right of way to the monks of Newbattle. He is frequently mentioned as a witness to charters, and about 1264 is designated lately sheriff of Aberdeen. He had a son

DAVID who witnessed a charter by his brother Gregory.

THOMAS of nessed a ch Probably b ple, son of ried Christi and with he land in Gos

JOHN MELVILLE, Lord of that ilk, who confirmed to the monks of Newbattle in 1329 the charter of right of way through Tartraven granted by his grandfather Sir Gregory and also in 1344 a gift of a stone of wax. He had a son

Christian i son of Al Alycia mar son of G Eva married

THOMAS MELVILLE who was a consenting party to his father's charter of 1344. He had a son

JOHN MELVILLE, Lord of that ilk, who, on 26th November, 1379, granted a charter to John, son of John Melville of Carnbee of the lands of Gran- ton and Stenbronk.

THOMAS MELVILLE, Lord of that ilk, who in 1427 made an Sir William Tynninghame, parson of Melville, anent the kirk before January 27th, 1429, when his son

JOHN MELVILLE, Lord of that ilk, was the year 1442, when his son

THOMAS MELVILL have suffered from married Robert, 1 October 1478 and head and Melville

Y OF MELVILLE OF MELVILLE.

g in Midlothian, flourished in the reigns King William the Lion and was a promi-. He held the office of sheriff of Edin-Scotland, probably south of the Forth. ed the church of Melville to the monk ns appeared as witnesses to the charter. i wife being Matilda Malherbe; he had

MELVILLE, who with his younger witnessed a charter by his father.

ROBERT MELVILLE.

HUGH MELVILLE.

RICHARD MELVILLE.

WALTER MELVILLE.

eriff of Linlithgow under King William the ved several charters. He married Margaret Tynedale. In 1174, he was captured at Aln- d was compelled before his release to swear

STEPHEN MELVILLE probably uncle of Thomas of Temple, as on his death, he obtained his lands. He had a son

Haddington who as such wit-arter by his brother Gregory. is also the Thomas of Tem-William Melville, who mar-an, sister of Gregory Lysurs, r obtained six acres of temple ton. He left three daughters.

married Adam, son of Walter, lwyne. ried Richard, son of Galfred, innnyld. Malcolm, son of David Dun.

WALTER MELVILLE who inherited from his father the temple lands in Gorton, but disposed them to William St. Clair. He was probably father of

JOHN MELVILLE who lived during reign of Robert Bruce, and left a son

WALTER MELVILLE who, on his father's resignation in the hands of King Robert Bruce, had a charter to himself and Margaret his wife, daughter of John Ayr, of the lands of Capronestoun in Peebles-shire. He died before July 5, 1365.

greement with lands. He died

erved heir to him. He died before

of that ilk succeeded in 1442. The estates seem to debt. He died in 1458 leaving a daughter Agnes who n of Sir John Ross of Hawkhead. She died before 16th n 1496 her son John Ross, second Lord Ross of Hawk- was retoured her heir in the barony of Melville.

6th mo. 21st, 1681 - Baptized Hannah, ye daughter of John Melvyn and Hannah his wife [records of First Church in Charlestown.

SECOND GENERATION.

3. HANNAH^s MELVIN, a daughter of John¹ and Hannah (Lewis) Melvin, was born in Charlestown, August 15 (21), 1681. She was married in Concord, the ceremony being performed by Justice Minot, on April 13, 1713, to William Bothrel (the name was also spelled Bottrell and Botril), a mariner. Shortly after their marriage, they removed to Charlestown. He died intestate in Charlestown, April 8, 1726, and his widow, Mrs. Hannah Bothrel, with John Lewis, also a mariner, gave bonds for the administration of his estate. He may have had connections residing in Rutland, Mass., whither so many of the Ulster County, Ireland, first made their way, as there was one Alexander Bothrel living in Rutland at the period when David Melvin had his home there.

William and Hannah Bothrel had children:

11. i. William^s Bothrel, "died in Concord, one day old, March 2, 1713," and was buried in the Hill Ground.
12. ii. Hannah Bothrel, born in Charlestown, November 30, 1715.
13. iii. Elizabeth Bothrel, baptized in Charlestown, September 8, 1717.
14. iv. Penelope Bothrel, born in Charlestown, September 6, 1719.
15. v. Margaret Bothrel, born in Charlestown, November 3, 1721.

6. JONATHAN^s MELVIN, son of John¹ and Hannah (Lewis) Melvin, was born in Charlestown, May 29, 1688. By the terms of his father's will, he only received five shillings as he had already been given his

portion of his father's estate. In 1724, he bought a strip of land from Ebenezer Davis in Concord. (Middlesex Deeds, Vol. 24, p. 133.) October 5, 1730, he received a quit-claim deed from Ebenezer Hartwell for land in Chelmsford, Mass., he then signing as a cooper. (*Ibid*, Vol. 30, p. 534.) August 18, 1732, he sold Lot No. 35, in Townsend, Mass., on the river Squanicook. (*Ibid*, Vol. 33, p. 327.) Although his name does not appear on the various war rolls, he must have shared in some of the "fights" since he was the possessor of a sword and at least two guns. In 1730, Jonathan Melvin, with his wife, Sarah, gave a quit-claim deed for their rights in the estate of their deceased father, Ebenezer Hartwell, their sister, Priscilla Hartwell, signing at the same time. On May 21, 1736-7, Mrs. Sarah Melvin sold for one hundred pounds to Zacharie Emory, forty-five acres of land in Townsend, Middlesex County, Mass., which lay contiguous to land belonging to the heirs of Ephraim Melvin, on the highway which led to Lunenburg and to David Melvin's lot. (*Ibid*, Vol. 74, p. 571.)

His will was drawn May 26, 1733; in it he gave his wife all his household goods, a negro girl, the west end of his "now dwelling house," and one-third of the land which lay on the Chelmsford road. To his sons, Jonathan, John and Ebenezer, he gave two hundred and eight acres of land in the town of Dunstable, Mass. His eldest son, Jonathan, was to receive one half of this. To his sons, Josiah, Nathan and Amos he willed his lands in Concord and Acton, while his son Josiah was to "hold one half of my new house, he to pay to Nathan and Amos ten pounds each when they came of age." His daughter, Sarah Barnes, was to have ninety pounds added to the account of what household goods she had already received (probably as her marriage portion). His sword he bequeathed to his fourth son, Ebenezer, and a gun to each of his sons, John and Jonathan.

Jonathan Melvin married in Concord, February 28,

1714, Sarah Hartwell, a daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Smedley) Hartwell, who was born in Concord, July 28, 1694. He died in Concord, February 11, 1737; she married (2), in Concord, April 15, 1741, Elisha Smith of Worcester, Mass., whither she removed.

Jonathan and Sarah Melvin had children:

16. i. Sarah,² born June 23, 1716.
17. ii. Jonathan, born October 12, 1718.
18. iii. John, born May 21, 1721.
19. iv. Ebenezer, born November 10, 1725.
20. v. Josiah, born June 14, 1727.
21. vi. Nathan, born June 25, 1729.
22. vii. Amos, born July 4, 1731.

7. DAVID³ MELVIN, son of John¹ and Hannah (Lewis) Melvin, was born in Charlestown, October 29, 1690. On August 30, 1728, John Melvin gave a deed of thirty acres of land in Concord to his son David, cooper, which was bounded by land owned by Roger Chandler and Jonathan Melvin, and to this deed Mrs. Margaret Melvin renounced her dower right. (Middlesex County Deeds, Vol. 26, p. 486.)

April 3, 1729, the proprietors of the towns of Rutland in Worcester county, Mass., laid out one hundred and fifty acres of land in that township, contiguous to lots belonging to Edward Rice, Jacob Farrar, Samuel Stevens, reserving a meadow lot of six acres which had been assigned to the heirs of Colonel Jacob Farrar. David Melvin became the possessor of about one hundred and eighty-two acres in that town, in different parcels. (Proprietors' records of Rutland.) July 2, 1722, David Melvin, cooper, of Rutland, with his wife, Mary, sold thirty acres of land in that township to Malcolm Hendry, one of the Ulster county, Ireland, settlers.

In 1725 "one of the fiercest and most obstinate fights in the annals of Indian warfare took place." Captain John Lovewell of Dunstable, Middlesex County,

Mass., had been engaged in several sharp skirmishes with the foe, with his organized company of forty-seven men, among whom were the brothers, David and Eleazer Melvin, with the avowed purpose of following the Indian trail. April 16, 1725, Lovewell started from Dunstable at the head of his small force and marched as far as Lake Ossipee, in New Hampshire, where they halted and built a rude fortification to shelter some of their men who had become ill, and left them there under the care of a surgeon, while the rest pushed on through the woods until they arrived at a point of land jutting into Lake Saco where the Indians were lying in ambush, and there at this place, called Pigwacket, which was very close to Fryeburg, Maine, a desperate struggle ensued. Fifteen of the soldiers were killed outright and nine were severely wounded. Among these last were both David and Eleazer Melvin, but they were able to keep pace with their comrades who straggled back to Dunstable, where they arrived on May 15 of the same year.

To award and acknowledge the bravery of the men in this deathly conflict, the General Court of Massachusetts Bay voted to make a large grant of land to them and in right of this, on May 31, 1727, David Melvin, with the title of lieutenant, with a body of others, petitioned for the settlement of what is now the town of Suncook, New Hampshire; was one of the five men chosen to order the settlement and was elected moderator of the first meeting of the grantees, he then owning forty acres of upland in the township.

In 1728, David Melvin for himself and others, petitioned the General Court anew, asking for the award of the grant, and on August 6, 1728, it was "Resolved (by that court) that the contents of six miles square of land, being on the back side of the Merrimack river, of the land between that river and the town of Pennacook (now Concord, New Hampshire), to begin where the Pennacook ends, which is one hundred rods to the southward, thence to extend to the line of the

east and west bounds on right angles until the six miles square of land be located, be and hereby is, granted to the forty-seven soldiers or their legal representatives of such of them as are deceased, who marched out with Captain Lovewell (himself included), who engaged the enemy at Pigwacket and also the first thirteen of the sixty-two men who were in the first march with the said Lovewell and not in the Pigwacket march who shall offer and in their own persons settle upon the land and shall also be admitted equal sharers and proprietors with the above forty men, making sixty in all; and there shall also be granted three other full shares, or lots, out of the said six miles square to any of the sixty men," etc. (Court Orders, Vol. 14, p. 121.)

September 20, 1729, David Melvin and Thomas Richardson, for themselves and the rest of the soldiers who were at Pigwacket under Captain Lovewell, again addressed the Court, stating that, under the former grant, they had "gotten the land surveyed and desired that the said grant might be confirmed so the grantees might be assembled by some person empowered by the Court, that they might choose a clerk of proprietary and pass votes as might be necessary and that some person might be deputed to admit the thirteen persons out of the sixty-two in Captain Lovewell's first march to associate with the petitioners." (Court Orders, Vol. 14, p. 258.)

By the order of the Court, this land was at last surveyed by Jonas Houghton of Lancaster, and then the General Court "Ordered, that the land in this place delineated and described, hereby be confirmed to the petitioners, provided it exceed not the six miles square, nor interfere with any former grant and, for the most regular and effectual settlement of the said land grant, that the petitioners and their associates be obliged, within a space of four years from that time, to have actually settled on that land fifty families, each of which shall build a house within that space eighteen

feet square at the least, with English grass land for mowing, or broken up fit for ploughing, five acres, only excepting the children of those who were killed in the fight." A long and serious controversy grew out of this grant, and the disputes to which it gave rise were carried from court to court until at last the whole subject was remanded to the higher courts in London, there to be decided by the authority of the Crown.

April 7, 1737, David Melvin bought from his brother, Eleazer, ninety acres of land in the north part of Concord, which had formerly been a part of the possessions of their deceased father, and in this deed they reserved the right which was held in the Concord Hill farm by their brother Benjamin. On September 12, 1740, David and Nathan Farrar of Lancaster, Mass., granted to David Melvin of Concord, all their own rights in the estate in Concord of "our mother, Susannah Farrar and our father, Jacob Farrar."

When Colonel Willard's regiment was ordered on the Canadian expedition, David Melvin marched at the head of the Concord company which formed a part of the force, with the rank of captain, to the attack on the fortress at Louisburg, where he received such severe wounds that, although he was able to make his way back to Concord, he died from the effects of his injuries. His estate was divided among his heirs on April 4, 1748, his widow receiving a share in the dwelling house, the barn and other premises, with twenty-six acres of land and other property to the amount of £1186, 06, 08. Captain David Melvin married in Concord, February 9, 1715-6, Mary Farrar, a daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Rediat) Farrar, who was born in Lancaster, Worcester County, Mass., March 8, 1695-6; he died November 17, 1745; she married (2) April 26, 1749, John Edwards of Acton, the adjoining town to Concord.

Captain David² and Mary Melvin had children:

23. i. Robert,³ born November 9, 1716.

- 24. ii. Mary, born January 26, 1718; died June 13, 1719.
- 25. iii. David, born February 24, 1720.
- 26. iv. Ephraim, born December 10, 1722.
- 27. v. James, born November 13, 1724.
- 28. vi. Jacob, born August 30, 1726.
- 29. vii. Mary, born September 16, 1728. +
- 30. viii. Hannah, born October 9, 1730. *John Handley 1757*
- 31. ix. Lucy, born November 13, 1732. *Samuel Langhton 1757*
- 32. x. Susannah, born May 22, 1739.

8. BENJAMIN² MELVIN, son of John¹ and Hannah (Lewis) Melvin, was born in Charlestown, February 19, 1694-5.

In 1717, as Lieutenant Benjamin Melvin, he was recorded as one of the proprietors of Ashford, Windham County, Conn. April 19, 1718, Anthony and David Stoddard, of Boston, as attorneys for their brother William Stoddard, of Boston, sold for twenty seven pounds, eight shillings, to Benjamin Melvin, blacksmith, of Ashford, one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land in Ashford, bounded by land which had been given them by their deceased father, Simon Stoddard, lying by Crotch Farm (Ashford Land records, vol. A, p. 121). June 7, 1718, Benjamin Melvin of Ashford, blacksmith, sold to his father, John Melvin, of Concord, four acres of land in Concord, Mass. April 5, 1725, he, then of Ashford, sold for ninety-one pounds, to Benjamin Read, of Woodstock, Conn., the tract of one hundred and thirty-seven acres; the deed was sworn on April 5, 1725, but was drawn March 10, 1724. (*Ibid*, vol. F, p. 89.) January 10, 1725-6, Benjamin Read sold to William Pierce, the tract he had lately purchased from Benjamin Melvin, then of Ashford, "but now of Concord, Mass." (*Ibid*, vol. F, p. 92.)

In 1726, Benjamin Melvin was one of the petitioners for the separation of the Carlisle, or north part of Concord, from the older part of the town, that the inhabitants might set up their own town meetings. July 23, 1739-40, "Benjamin Melvin, born in Charlestown,

+ John Edwards of Acton & Mary Melvin of Concord were married by ye Rev^d m^r Daniel Bliss April 26, 1747 -- Concord records

a blacksmith aged forty-five years," volunteered for the Spanish war in the West Indies, under Captain John Prescott. In all probability, this enlistment was from Concord, where we find his last registration, and he must have been among those eighteen or more men who marched from that town of whom only a very few ever returned. As this is the last item yet learned in his regard, it is highly probable that he was either instantly killed or died of his wounds while still in the service.

Ashford town books record that Benjamin² Melvin, wife Hannah, had children born there:

- 33. i. Lydia³, born June 4, 1721.
- 34. ii. A daughter (Mary?), born June 24, 1728.

It is almost certain that he was father of:

- 35. iii. Benjamin³, born in 1728, according to the date of his death, recorded on his grave stone in the town of Hudson, formerly a part of Ancient Dunstable, Mass.

9. ELEAZER³ MELVIN, son of John¹ and Margaret (Shanesbury) Melvin, was born in Concord, Mass., June 28, 1703. He began his military career as one of the forty-one men who marched under Captain John Lovewell from Dunstable, Mass., April 16, 1725, in pursuit of the Indians. After following their trail for some days, the Indians decoyed this company into an ambush at Pigwacket, near Fryeburg, Maine, on the Saco river, when fifteen of their number were either killed or mortally wounded. Eleazer marched to the siege of Louisburg, in 1745 as lieutenant under the captaincy of his brother, David Melvin; both the brothers were there wounded, David so seriously that he eventually died from the effects, but Eleazer recovered. He was soon promoted as captain and went on several campaigns. October, 1746, at the head of his company, he started for the reduction of Canada. "After a long march with twenty-five soldiers under

his command, he was ordered to Lunenburg, Mass., to protect that place from the incursions of the savages." From March to September, 1747, he was stationed at Northfield, Mass., on the borders of New Hampshire, adjoining the town of Winchester, New Hampshire, where Benjamin Melvin was then managing his farm, and in one of his tramps he marched as far as Melvin's house.

The Journal of Captain Eleazer Melvin who, with eighteen men under his command went into the wilderness towards Crown Point, in 1748, was printed in a number of the New Hampshire Historical Collections, volume 5, pp. 207 *et seq.*, and runs as follows:

"May 13, March from Fort Dummer to No. 2 and there camped.

14. March'd to No. 4. Made no discovery of the enemy.

15. Sunday in the evening march'd with Capt. Stevens and Capt. Hobbs to the mouth of Black River and crossed the Great River and camp'd.

16. March'd about 14 miles, crossed a branch of Black River, which runs from Ascutney. Made no discovery.

17. March'd a N. W. point, about 13 miles. Came to a large branch of Black River and camp'd Saw no new signs of the enemy.

18. March'd a N. W. point about 3 miles, crossed Black River, kept the same point about 9 miles farther over the high land and camped, saw no new signs of the enemy.

19. March'd a N. W. point, Crossed several large streams, being branches of the Otter Creek. Saw many signs of the enemy both new and old, trees reddled etc. March'd about 10 miles this day and camp'd. After we had sent out scouts.

20. March'd about 6 miles a N. W. point down Otter Creek, then parted with Capt. Stevens and Capt. Webb, who thought proper to take another course. March'd over Otter Creek, kept a N. W. point about one mile and came again to the river about one mile below some large falls—crossed a large stream which runs into Otter Creek on the west side a little below the falls and camp'd; saw no signs of the enemy very new.

21. Being rainy marc (ed) but two miles and camp'd.

22. March'd N. W. by N. down Otter Creek about ten miles then too, a N. W.

30. Marched S. S. E. about six miles—came upon a branch of West River — travelled down the river about 8 miles and camp'd.

31. Our provisions being very short, we began to march before sunrise and travelled till about half after 9 o'clock, being by the side of the river, several of the company desired to stop and refresh themselves, being faint and weary, whereupon we halted and began to take off our packs and some were set down and in about half a minute after our halting the enemy rose from behind a log and several trees about 20 feet or so, at the farthest distant and fired about 12 guns at us, but I do not know whether any man received any hurt, tho' so near—whereupon I called to the men to face the enemy and run up the bank, which I did myself and several others attempted but the enemy were so thick they could not. I was no sooner jumped up the bank but the enemy was just upon me, I discharged my gun at one of them, about eight feet from the muzzle of my gun, who I see fall and about the same time that I discharged my gun, the enemy fired about 20 guns at us and killed 4 men, namely, John Howard, Isaac Taylor, John Dod and Daniel Man. The men which were left alive most of them fired immediately at the enemy, several of which shots did execution, as can be witnessed by several who see the enemy fall—but seeing the enemy numerous and their guns being discharged, they retreated. Several ran across the river, when they had opportunity, some of them, to fire again at the enemy. Some ran up the river and some down and some to the thicket on the same side of the river. For my own part, after I saw my men retreat and being held by the enemy with guns, hatchets and knives, several of them tried to strike at me with their hatchets. Some threw their hatchets, one of which, or a bullet, I cannot certainly tell which carried away my belt and with it my bullets, all except one I had loose in my pocket. I ran down the river and two Indians followed me and ran almost side by side with me, calling to me "Come Captain, now Captain," but upon my presenting my gun towards them (though not loaded) they fell back and I ran across the river, charging my gun, moved a few steps and one of them fired at me, which was the last gun I saw fired. I looked back and saw nine of the enemy scalping the dead men and six or seven running across the river and several others about the bank of the river very busy, which I apprehend were carrying off their dead. I then being alone, got to the side of the hill in sight of the place of battle and then seated myself to look for some of my men and to see if the enemy

made any shout as is customary with them when they get the advantage, but hearing no more of them not seeing any of my men, I made the best of my way to Fort Dummer, where I arrived the next day before noon, when one of my men got in before me about an hour and eleven more came in, in a few hours, though in several companies. Joseph Petty was wounded and I have not yet heard of him. Samuel Severns, I imagine is taken. I went out the next day with about forty men to bury the dead and spent one day looking for Joseph Petty, who was wounded but could not find him."

ELEAZER MELVIN.

"NOTE.— It was found afterwards that Severns and Petty were killed by the Indians."

On November 8, 1726, Eleazer Melvin sold for two hundred and twenty pounds, he signing as a currier, a tract of land in Concord, to Benjamin Barron. April 7, 1737, with his wife Mary, he sold for seven hundred pounds, to his brother, David Melvin, ninety acres of land in the north part of Concord, including a dwelling house, barn, and other buildings, excepting the four acres which belonged to their brother Benjamin Melvin. May 29, 1754, Eleazer Melvin, of the Carlisle precinct, sold for twenty-seven pounds to Phineas Blood, ten acres of land in that Precinct. In a receipt dated November 8, 1754, Captain Eleazer Melvin of Concord acknowledged pay with allowance for two days' travel, in Colonel Winslow's regiment (Colonial rolls, vol. 93, p. 136). January 30, 1730-1, with his wife Mary, he sold for eighteen pounds to Thomas Wheeler, junior, one half part of a sixth part of one acre right to land in Concord, which was "a part of a meadow we bought from our brother, Thomas Stow, Benjamin Stow and Jonathan Stow, and from our sister Sarah Stow, children of our late deceased father, Nathaniel Stow of Concord." (*Ibid*, vol. 37, p. 620.) Captain Eleazer Melvin died intestate and his estate was administered December 22, 1754. In the settlement, he is reported as having owned a farm of one hundred and forty-four acres, with a house, barn, corn

barn and three acres of meadow land. His inventory amounted to four thousand four hundred and sixty-eight pounds, five shillings and eight pence. The Province Treasurer had paid for his war services to Kennebec two hundred and ninety-three pounds, nine shillings and four pence and for labor in the expedition, eighteen pounds nine pence. William Fletcher was appointed as guardian to his sons, David, John and Joshua, and Fletcher presented a bill for his services and for those of Dr. Prescott, who attended Joshua in his last illness, the said Joshua having died soon after his father's decease. The bill was dated November 13, 1761. Captain Eleazer Melvin married, probably in Concord, Mary Stow, a daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth (Meriam) Stow, who was born in Concord, September 6, 1707, died there November 20, 1754; he died there October 18, 1754, in his 52d year. The record in the First Church book runs:

"October 18, 1754, Eleazer Melvin died in his 52d year, who had been a person of public usefulness and exemplary piety; his widow died November 20, 1754."

They had children born in Concord:

36. i. Nathaniel,* born November 2, 1740.
37. ii. Sarah, born March 20, 1743.
38. iii. Mary, born June 23, 1745.
39. iv. David, born May 31, 1747.
40. v. John, born April 23, 1749.
41. vi. Bridget, born December 9, 1751 (according to a descendant).
42. vii. Joshua, born March 31, 1754, died soon after his father's decease.

10. MARGARET² MELVIN, daughter of John¹ and Margaret (Shamesbury) Melvin, was a twin with her brother Eleazer, and was born in Concord, June 28, 1703. By the terms of her father's will, she was to receive the sum of thirty pounds within three years after the father's decease; and, together with her twin brother, Eleazer, she was also to be given all the move-

able goods left after the decease of her mother. She married Archibald Mackollo (perhaps McCollough). August 5, 1728, Archibald Makollo, currier, of Marlborough, Middlesex County, Mass., sold, for one hundred and thirty pounds, to Eleazer Melvin of Concord, one half of a house in Concord. (Middlesex Deeds, Vol. 34, p. 259.) This deed probably marks the period when Makollos removed from Concord, and nothing further can be learned in regard to their movements after they left their parental home.

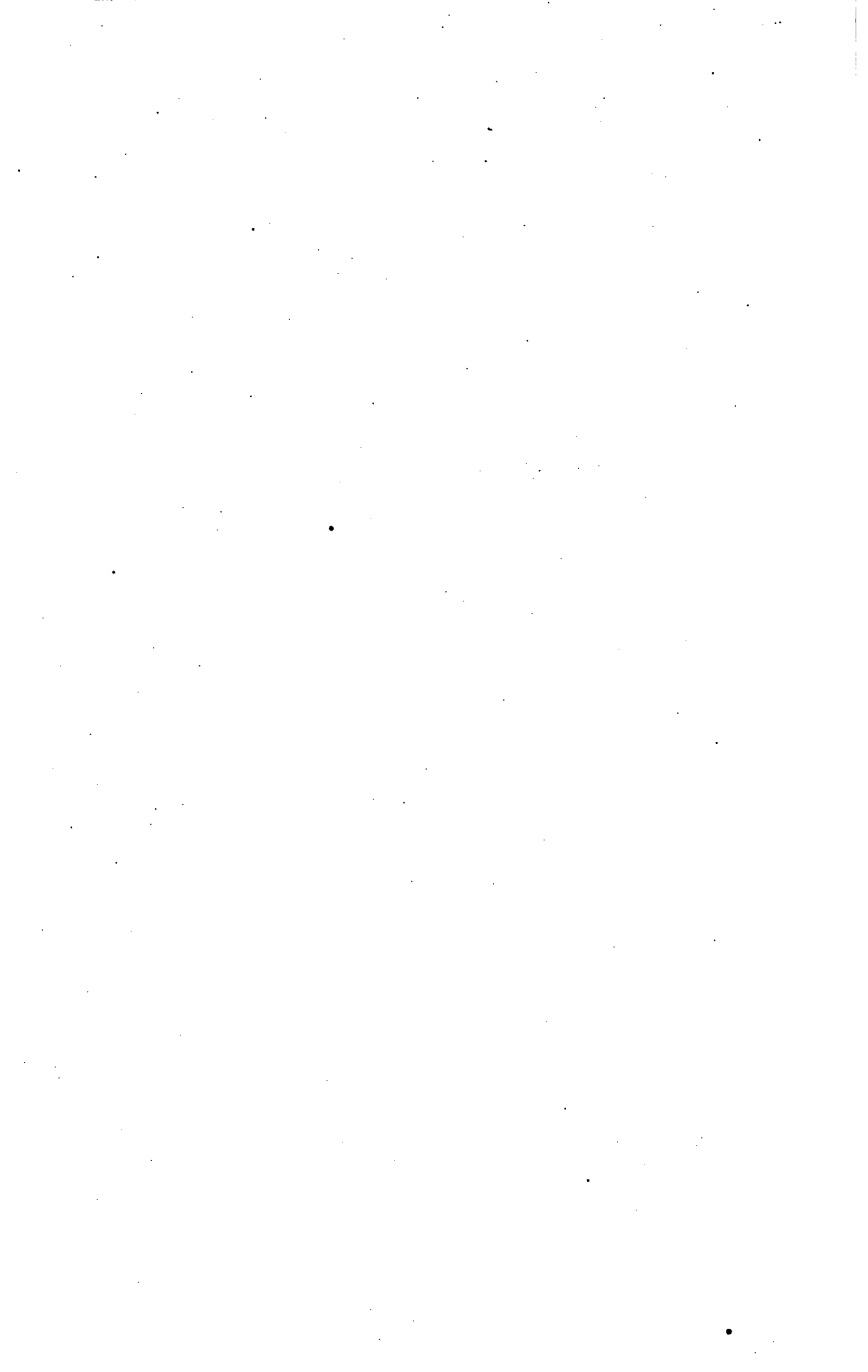
They had children, born in Concord:

- 43. i. John^s Mackollo, born May 14, 1724.
- 44. ii. Eleazer Mackollo, born September 17, 1727.

Perhaps there was also a daughter Margaret, named after her own mother, as we find in the Rutland, Worcester County, Mass., town records, Margaret Mckollo of Rutland, married in Concord, April 2, 1745, John Parlin of Concord. As this brings together the three families which had already intermarried, and, since David Melvin resided in Rutland for awhile, this must have been of this very Makollo line.

They had children:

- i. John Parlin, born in Concord, August 22, 1745.
- ii. Azubah Parlin, born November 26, 1747.
- iii. Nathan Parlin, born January 1, 1749.
- iv. Hepzibah Parlin, born in Carlisle District, February 22, 1753.
- v. Jonas Parlin, born November 24, 1755.
- vi. Eleazer Parlin, born June 15, 1758
- vii. Silas Parlin, born August 15, 1760.
- viii. Mary Parlin, born July 24, 1763.
- ix. Thadeus Parlin, born August 15, 1766.
- x. Jonathan Parlin, born August 4, 1769.



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16. SARAH³ MELVIN, daughter of Jonathan² (*John*¹) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin, was born in Concord, June 23, 1716. She married there March 19, 1735-6, Joseph Barnes of Acton, an adjoining town to Concord. They appear to have resided sometimes in Acton, some in Concord, as the births of their children are some of them recorded in Acton then in Concord, but the time of the decease of the parents cannot be ascertained from either of the town books.

They had children:

- 45. i. Joseph⁴ Barnes, junior, born in Acton, March 16, 1736-7.
- 46. ii. Sarah Barnes, born in Acton, July 25, 1738.
- 47. iii. John Barnes, born in Acton, September 8, 1740.
- 48. iv. Hannah Barnes, born in Acton, April 29, 1742.
- 49. v. Jonathan Barnes, born in Concord, May 19, 1744.
- 50. vi. Josiah Barnes, born in Concord, June 11, 1746.
- 51. vii. Betty Barnes, born in Acton, July 29, 1748.
- 52. viii. Lucy Barnes, born in Acton, May 14, 1750.

17. JONATHAN³ MELVIN, son of Jonathan² (*John*¹) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin, was born in Concord, October ~~18~~, 1718. His father, with John Melvin and Thomas Dinsmore of Bedford, had embarked on the enterprise of purchasing lands in the northern part of the state, and, in 1733 to 1741, they were engaged in the settlement of that part of "Ancient Dunstable, Mass.," which was later incorporated as Hollis, New Hampshire. March 22, 1731, Jonathan Melvin sold for one hundred and seven pounds to John Parlin, junior, one half of one hundred and twenty-five acres of land

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in the New Concord grant. (Deeds, Vol. 38, p. 99.) This purchase of the father was the cause of his sons removing to the settlements in what was then the wilds of New Hampshire. Some of this grant was in the eastern part of Hollis, then named Nissitiset, later incorporated as Brookline, New Hampshire, of which the eastern portion was still further set off and named Raby. To Hollis went Jonathan, Josiah and Nathan. March 9, 1748-9, Jonathan Melvin of Hollis, sold for seven hundred pounds to his brother, Josiah Melvin, sixty-five acres of land in that town, which were bounded on one side by land of Ebenezer Melvin, joiner. (Grafton County, New Hampshire, Deeds, Vol. 14, p. 142.) March 13, 1749-50, he sold to James Hayward of Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Mass., for one hundred pounds, twenty acres of land in Hollis. (*Ibid.*, Vol. 56, p. 104.) On Tuesday, September, 1765, Mr. Samuel Minot, who had been one of the witnesses of one of these deeds, testified that he had seen Jonathan Melvin sign and that the said Jonathan Melvin had since deceased. On December 17, 1761, a return was made to the Probate Court of Grafton County by Nathaniel Melvin and James Chandler of the estate of Captain Jonathan Melvin, who had died intestate, and the court assigned the said estate over, wholly, to Nathaniel Melvin for proper distribution.

Captain Jonathan³ Melvin married in Hollis, December 4, 1750, Mary Brooks.

They had, born in Hollis:

53. i. Jonathan,⁴ junior, born January 14, 1752.

18. JOHN³ MELVIN, son of Jonathan² (*John*¹) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin, was born in Concord, May 21, 1721. On May 7, 1744, he, with Joseph Barnes, his brother-in-law, sold for twenty pounds to John Davis, six acres of land in Acton, and Eleazer Maccollo was one of the witnesses. (Middlesex Deeds, Vol.

62, p. 469.) July 14, 1753, John Melvin of Concord sold to Ebenezer Prescott, of Westford, sixteen acres of land in Acton by land belonging to Nathaniel Edwards, which was part of the thirds of Mrs. Sarah Smith, late widow of Captain Jonathan Melvin (father of this John), and by land owned by this John. (*Ibid*, Vol. 70, p. 20.) February 3, 1773, John Melvin, wife Hannah, sold to Joseph Brabrook of Acton, together with Benjamin and John Parlin. In 1754, he was one of the administrators of the estate of Captain Eleazer Melvin of Carlisle, and he gave his residence as being in Carlisle. With his brothers, Jonathan and Ebenezer, he became a settler in Hollis, New Hampshire, but soon returned to Concord and lived in North Concord, which was sometimes Carlisle, sometimes not.

John Melvin married Hannah ——. His estate was administered April 10, 1782, and on August 15, 1806, his heirs were his widow, Anna, of Concord, daughter Sarah, wife of Jonathan Smith of Westminster, Mass., Mille, wife of Joseph Hubbard of Holden, Mass., Ruth, wife of Samuel Heyward of Holden, Mass., Eunice, wife of ——— Polly of Fitchburg, Mass., Mary, wife of ——— Rice of Ashby, Mass.

John³ and Hannah Melvin had children:

54. i. Hannah,⁴ born August 4, 1746.
55. ii. Sarah, born November 23, 1748.
56. iii. Amos, born June 15, 1751.
57. iv. Sibill, born February 11, 1754. — *died Aug 11, 1770 at 16y 6m*
58. v. Molly, born May 17, 1756.
59. vi. Eunice, born June 7, 1758.
60. vii. Millicent, born August 1, 1760.
61. viii. Ruth, born August 1, 1764.

19. EBENEZER³ MELVIN, son of Jonathan² (*John*¹) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin, was born in Concord, November 10, 1725. He became one of the proprietors and first settlers of the town of Hollis, Grafton County, New Hampshire. His farm was situated in

that part which was incorporated as Monson, and his first tax was paid March 4, 1754. December 1, 1761, he bought from Samuel Leeman a parcel of land which was partly in Hollis and partly in Monson, of eighty-one and a half acres, for two hundred and seventy-five pounds. (Grafton County Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 214.) November 11, 1762, he sold to Samuel Brown one hundred acres of land which lay "where the Nissitiset river runs into Mosquatanapus Pond." (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 159). This probably was a part of his father Jonathan's property which was assigned to his brother, Josiah, who, in turn, made it over to Ebenezer. On February 17, 1752, the said Josiah, then styling himself "a joyner," sold to Ebenezer sixty-five acres of land in Hollis, with a dwelling house standing thereon. From this time, Ebenezer bought and sold a great many parcels of land in Hollis and the neighboring towns.

December, 1764, James McDaniel with his wife, Susannah, of Holly, Vermont, William Searle and wife Hannah, Abraham Dinsmore of Peterborough Slip (now Temple, New Hampshire), Thomas Dinsmore of Groton, Massachusetts, Mary and Elizabeth Dinsmore of Hollis, Eliphalet Dinsmore of Littleton, Massachusetts, Abel Dinsmore of Hatfield, Great Britain, Lucy Dinsmore of Byfield, Massachusetts, sold their rights in the estate of their late deceased father, Thomas Dinsmore, to Ebenezer Melvin, in right of his wife, Susannah, who was another child of the deceased, Thomas Dinsmore. This estate consisted of three tracts of land in Monson, New Hampshire. (*Ibid*, Vol. 1, p. 465.)

December 7, 1769, Ebenezer Melvin bought the original right of James Gould in Cockersmouth, Plymouth County, New Hampshire. (Plymouth County Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 246.) From this period he was always styled captain. In 1770, 1771, 1773, he was continually purchasing lands in and about Cockersmouth. February 5, 1774, he bought from Theodore

Atkinson two lots in Cockersmouth, Lot No. 40, of ten acres, Lot No. 16 of fifty acres, on condition that he should enter into possession instantly, build a house thereon, improve five acres and come with his family into the house within nine months from that date. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 179.) January, 1778, he purchased from Samuel Abbott of Andover, Mass., and John Kneeland of Boston, Mass., for three hundred pounds, a saw mill and a grist mill with adjacent land and all mill privileges. November 27, 1789, with his wife, Susannah, he sold to William Read two parcels of land in Hollis. (Vol. 28, p. 173.)

November 25, 1817, Ebenezer Melvin of Groton, New Hampshire, deposed that in the month of May, 1770, "I was sitting under a beach tree with Captain Jotham Cummings of Plymouth and a committee of the town called Cockersmouth, alias Hebron, said Cummings told me that the said beach was the south-east corner of Cockersmouth and the north-east corner of Cardigan alias Orange, he had lately surveyed the lots in town." (*Ibid*, Vol. 80, p. 516.)

By the land records we learn that Captain Ebenezer Melvin married Susannah, a daughter of Thomas Dinsmore, a weaver, who migrated from the north of Ireland, settled in Bedford, Middlesex County, Mass., and in company with Captain Jonathan Melvin from Concord, became one of the first proprietors and settlers of Hollis, where the said Thomas Dinsmore died in 1748. His daughter, Susannah, was born in Bedford, Mass., July 8, 1727. It is known by their descendants that both she and her husband died in Groton and were buried in the old cemetery which, alas, like too many others in New Hampshire, has been allowed to lie neglected and over-grown by weeds, so the stones, if any there were, have fallen and cracked in pieces; thus preventing any records of the deaths to be found.

They had children, born in Hollis:

- 62. i. Ebenezer,⁴ junior, born December 28, 1752-3.
- 63. ii. Nathan, born November 20, 1755.
- 64. iii. Eunice, born July 9, 1759.
- 65. iv. Daniel, born September 8, 1761.
- 66. v. Susannah, born October 23, 1764.
- 67. vi. Seth, born April 28, 1767.
- 68. vii. Enoch, born August 30, 1769.

20. JOSIAH³ MELVIN, son of Jonathan² (*John*¹) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin, was born in Concord, June 14, 1727. On July 26, 1757, Josiah Melvin, of Concord, bought from Sarah Goodale, of Shrewsbury, Mass., a parcel of land which had formerly been owned by her late deceased father Richard Temple, of Concord, Mass. (Middlesex County, deeds, vol. 58, p. 14). May 22, 1764, Josiah Melvin, housewright, of Concord, sold for two pounds to James Barrett, junior, two tracts of land in the north part of Concord. (*Ibid*, Vol. 163, p. 306.) August 2, 1785, Josiah Melvin, housewright of Concord, sold for two pounds to his two sons, Josiah, junior, and Stephen Melvin, one hundred and sixty-four acres of land in Concord, and Rebecca and James Melvin were witnesses to this transaction. (*Ibid* Vol. 92, p. 264.) May 17, 1793, Josiah Melvin, of Packersfield, New Hampshire, with Stephen Melvin of Concord, sold for four hundred and seventy pounds, to Jonathan Hildreth, the homestead of their father, Josiah Melvin, senior, where he now dwells, with thirty-three acres of land adjacent and other parcels, with the proviso that said Josiah, senior, should not be disturbed in his residence. (*Ibid*, Vol. 110, p. 495.) May 20, 1793, the father confirms this deed and his wife, Lydia, resigns her dower right in the premises.

Josiah Melvin married, in Concord, by the Rev. Mr. Bliss, on March 3, 1757, Lydia Barrett, a daughter of Captain James and Rebecca (Hubbard) Barrett, who was born there June 6, 1738. The two were admitted as members of the First Church in Concord, June 25, 1758.

They had children:

69. i. Josiah⁴, junior, born August 24, 1758.
70. ii. Stephen, born January 9, 1760, d. y.
71. iii. Lydia, born March 21, 1761.
72. iv. Stephen, born March 25, 1763.
73. v. Rebecca, born December 18, 1764.
74. vi. James, born December 11, 1766.
75. vii. Lucy, born March 7, 1769. — *died August 1785 age 14*
76. viii. Joel, born March 3, 1771.
77. ix. Persis, born April 17, 1773. — *died Oct 19, 1790 age 15*
78. x. John, born February 14, 1776.

21. NATHAN³ MELVIN, son of Jonathan² (*John*¹) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin was born in Concord, June 25, 1729. On the Colonial Military rolls, we find the name of Nathan Melvin, serving under Captain Eleazer Melvin as corporal; residing in Concord, entered service May 31, discharged October 2, 1754. (Vol. 93, p. 136.) As serving under Captain Humphrey Hobbs, as sentinel, entered May 7, discharged October 20, 1747-8. (Vol. 92, p. 154.) Served in the same company from April 14, 1749, until June 30, 1749. (Vol. 93, p. 16.) This name appears on a Muster roll dated at Boston, February 28, 1759, of a Company of Foot, under Captain Joseph Billings, Colonel Joseph Williams' regiment, raised for the reduction of Canada; he signed as belonging to Boston, enlisted April 1, discharged November 23, 1758. (Vol. 96, p. 403.) This name appears again on a roll of the officers and men in Col. Edward Blake's Company, which served at Louisburg, served from January 1, 1760, discharged April 13, 1761. Probably in his military service he was attracted to settle in western Massachusetts, in the town which was one of several granted by General Court to the soldiers who served in the late campaigns, as on April 25, 1760, he bought eighty acres of land in "Dorchester Canada" a grant made to those who were at Canada fights, of Moses and Mary Foster, for twenty-seven pounds.

This town is now called Ashburnham, Worcester Co., Mass. On December 26, 1772, Nathan Melvin, of Ashburnham, sold for sixty pounds, fifty acres of land in Ashburnham, which was bounded by land belonging to Ephraim Farrar. When the Lexington Alarm was sounded, the tried soldier immediately responded and enlisted in Captain Davis's company, Colonel Asa Whitcomb's regiment, from Ashburnham, and served ten days; he then enlisted under Captain William Thurloe, Colonel Josiah Whitney, as sergeant; served in the Rhode Island fight, from July 30 until September 13, 1776. He owned a large farm in Ashburnham, and was also an innholder. After 1780, he removed from Ashburnham, and it has not been possible to trace him further.

He married Anna. They had children born in Ashburnham:

79. i. Anna⁴, born November 8, 1760.
80. ii. Sarah, born September 15, 1762.
81. iii. Phebe, born March 27, 1765. — *died June 27, 1781, a. 16*
82. iv. Hepsibah, born March 24, 1767.
83. v. Nathan, junior, born March 1, 1769.
84. vi. Theodore, born May 1, 1771. *m. Bethiah Ellis*

23. LIEUTENANT ROBERT³ MELVIN, son of Captain David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, Mass., November 9, 1716.

From 1741 to 1744, his name stands on the tax list of Litchfield, New Hampshire, as a resident. October 11, 1743, Robert Melvin of Litchfield, bought from Josiah Cummings of Nottingham, a parcel of land by Massabesic Pond, which lay partly in Nottingham and partly in Litchfield. (Nashua, N. H. deeds, vol. 29, p. 151.) This comprised two hundred acres.

In 1746, there was a petition presented to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay, by the inhabitants of Londonderry, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, in which they stated that before the line between the two states was drawn their part of the

town was considered as belonging to Massachusetts and was a part of Nottingham West, but now they were cast to Londonderry and they objected. Robert Melvin's name is signed to this petition, as were those of Richard Marshall and John Marshall, junior. June 1, 1750, Robert Melvin sold to Eleazer Brown, both of Concord, two pieces of land in North Concord. (Middlesex County Deeds, Vol. 50, p. 637.) February 4, 1757, Robert Melvin made over to Ephraim Melvin and Simon Davis, his rights to a piece of land in Acton which were originally the rights belonging to his mother, Mrs. Mary Edwards. (*Ibid*, Vol. 54, p. 540.) April 27, 1761, Robert Melvin, of Concord, sold to Ephraim Spalding, of Nottingham West, land lying by Bateman's Pond, in north Concord, Robert signing in Nottingham. (*Ibid*, Vol. 58, p. 409.) May 11, 1761, Lieutenant Robert Melvin, of Concord, sold for three pounds to Daniel Stickney, of Billerica, fifty-six acres of land in Concord. (*Ibid*, Vol. 60, p. 678.) January 27, 1754, Robert Melvin sold for three hundred and three pounds to Ezekiel Page, of Londonderry, land in the eastern part of Ancient Dunstable, after called Nottingham "which is now Londonderry," one hundred acres of which bordered on Little Massabesic Pond, and touched the boundary line of Benjamin Melvin's farm.

Robert Melvin's name appears on a list dated April 25, 1757, of the militia in Concord, in Colonel James Minot's company, as lieutenant in the Train Band and the Alarm list (Colonial rolls, Vol. 95, p. 324). His name appears again on a Muster Roll, dated Boston, December 1, 1757, under Captain Jonas Fitch, as lieutenant, enlisted April 19, 1757, served until October 31, 1757, served twenty-eight weeks, scouting eastwards. (*Ibid*, Vol. 96, p. 30.)

July 30, 1759, a sloop sailed from Boston with Robert McGown as captain, Robert Montgomery as mate, carrying as passengers, the Rev. John Seccombe, pastor of the Congregational Church in Harvard, Wor-

chester County, Mass., Captain Timothy Houghton of Harvard, Robert Melvin from Concord, and many others, and put in at Chester, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, where the passengers were landed. They were received by some of the people who were already settled there, and after awhile, Rev. John Seccombe, with some of his party and the inhabitants, began to "view lots" for their own settlement.

The most reliable accounts are copied from a diary which the Rev. John Seccombe began as soon as they had started. He kept full minutes of their progress, with a large infusion of what they found in the way of choice eatables, and his account was supplemented by another diary written by his daughter, which added much of value to the father's history. He closed with a "List of the First Class of Settlers of Chester" giving each man's name, former place of residence, his wife's name and the number of children in each family. As every other man's wife was named, and as Robert's name was simply accompanied by the number of his children, namely four, it is evident that his first wife had died before his start for the Province.

April 27, 1761, Robert Melvin, of Concord, sold to Benjamin Melvin, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, for thirty-nine pounds, seventy-four acres of land in the part of Londonderry formerly belonging to Ancient Dunstable, bounded by land of Noah Kidder and Ebenezer Spalding (Middlesex County, Mass., deeds, Vol. 101, p. 189). This deed proves two very essential points, one is that Robert Melvin returned to Concord and remained there some two years before he went to settle permanently in Chester, and, second, that his co-eval, Benjamin Melvin, who must have been his cousin, also settled in Ancient Dunstable and was the same with the Benjamin whose progeny were in and about Londonderry. His last recorded deed was dated May 11, 1761, in which he styled himself as of Concord, and he returned to Chester very soon after this date. Among the Crown Grants, registered

in the Adjutant General's office, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is one dated October 31, 1765, in which there is given to Rev. John Seccombe, Jonathan Prescott, Timothy Houghton, Simon Floyd, James Webber, Abraham Bradshaw, George Collicutt, Robert Melville (the English way of spelling Melvin) and many others under the seal of Governor Wilmot, a tract of twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty acres of land in Chester Township, Nova Scotia, each share to consist of five hundred acres, on condition of paying a free yearly quit rent of one shilling sterling every Michaelmas Day, for every expiration of ten years, beginning with the date of the grant, for every fifty acres so granted, and so on, in proportions of fifty acres, forever. The grantees to promise to plant two acres with hemp and a like quantity to be "improved." One family, at least, with proper stock and material for said improvement, to be settled on every five hundred acres on or before the last day of November, 1767. (Crown Lands Grants, Vol. 6, p. 548.)

August 14, 1784, he received another grant, in company with over a thousand others, under Governor John Parr, at Amherst, Nova Scotia, and in this same year, another grant at Point Mispeck; the place then called Parr Town is now St. John's, New Brunswick.

June, 1773, or four years before his will was drawn, he made a "deed of gift to my son, Eleazer Melvin, housewright, of Littleton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, of sixty acres of land at Nottingham West, in Massachusetts." This deed was signed at Halifax, before Jonathan Prescott, justice of the peace.

His will is recorded in the Probate Office at Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, and is as follows:—

"In the name of God, Amen.

I, Robert Melvin, of Chester, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling into mind, the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain

this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent, Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form :

First, I give and bequeath to Phebe Melvin, my dearly beloved wife, the one third part of my Real and Personal estate in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and Province of New Hampshire, in New England, to be raised and levied out of my Estate in money and Lands, for the necessary support of my Executrix during her life, and the remaining two thirds, both in New England and Nova Scotia, to be equally divided amongst all my lawful heirs, of this my last will and testament, etc.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

ROBERT MELVIN, (seal)

Witness

John Vaughan
Abraham Bradshaw
Thomas Floyd.

This will was filed by his Executrix, July 24, 1787.

Lieutenant Robert Melvin married (1) probably in Concord, Sarah —, who died in Carlisle Precinct, of Concord, February 18, 1756; he married (2) in Concord, September 7, 1762, Phebe Wilson, daughter of William and Deborah Wilson, who was born in Concord, February 1, 1739. He died in Chester, between December 23, 1773, in which time his will was made, and July 24, 1787, the day it was entered in Probate Court.

Robert and Sarah Melvin had children:

85. i. Sarah*, born in Concord, December 19, 1740.
86. ii. Eleazer, born in Concord, March 30, 1743.
87. iii. a child.
88. iv. James, born in Concord in 1749.

Children by the second wife, born in Chester, N. S.:

- 89. v. Lydia⁴, born May 10, 1762.
- 90. vi. Nathaniel, born June 24, 1765.
- 91. vii. Elijah, born January 14, 1767.
- 92. viii. David, born April 9, 1770.
- 93. ix. Amos, born July 6, 1772.
- 94. x. Jacob, born December 1, 1774.
- 95. xi. Robert, born April 25, 1777.
- 96. xii. Lucy, born October 8, 1780.

25. DAVID³ MELVIN, son of Capt. David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, February 24, 1720. March 14, 1744, his father gave him a deed of thirty-five acres of land in the north part of Concord (Middlesex deeds, vol. 56, p. 121). February 24, 1774, David Melvin, wife Abigail signing her dower rights, sold for sixty pounds to Abishai and Jacob Brown, thirty-four acres of land in north Concord, lying by land belonging to Deacon Ephraim Brown and that of Ebenezer Farrar (Middlesex County Deeds, vol. 76, p. 275). March 25, 1775, David Melvin, Ephraim Farrar, Josiah Melvin, Jr., John Lee, and Ephraim Wood, sold for one hundred and fifty pounds to Ebenezer Farrar, forty-three acres of land in north Concord, with a house, barn and other buildings, the widow of Lieutenant Jonathan Farrar also signs (*Ibid*, vol. 75, p. 513). February 10, 1789, David Melvin, Samuel and Sarah (Davis) Melvin, John and Hepsibah Wyman, Solomon and Abigail Fletcher, Beulah Melvin, Sibyl Melvin, gave a quitclaim deed of their rights in a house, barn and thirty-five acres of land which formerly belonged to their late deceased father David Melvin.

David Melvin's estate was administered March 14, 1788, by his widow Mrs. Abigail Melvin, and his son Isaac. His inventory was taken May 12, 1788.

David Melvin married in Concord, August 1, 1751, Abigail Davis, daughter of John and Abigail (Dudley) Davis, who was born in Concord, March 22,

Mr. David Melvin died Oct 27. 1787 aged 67 years
— [Church records]

1726-7, died there, January 19, 1798, aged 71 years; he died there October 27, 1787, aged 67 years; they resided in the north part of Concord which was sometimes called the Carlisle Precinct.

They had children born in Concord:

- 97. i. David,⁴ born December 19, 1751.
- 98. ii. Samuel, born April 25, 1754.
- 99. iii. Abigail, born August 31, 1757.
- + 100. iv. Isaac, born April 13, 1760.
- 101. v. Hepsibah, born August 23, 1762.
- 102. vi. Beulah, born June 27, 1765.
- 103. vii. Sybil, born December 24, 1770.

26. EPHRAIM³ MELVIN, son of Capt. David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, December 10, 1722. February 4, 1757, he, in company with Simon Davis, bought from Robert Melvin land which the said brother Robert received in the right of his late deceased father, and the dower right of his deceased mother, Mrs. Mary Edwards (Middlesex Deeds, vol. 54, p. 54). In 1752, Ephraim was one of the administrators of his brother James Melvin's estate. Ephraim's name was on a list of men enrolled under Captain James Minot, of Concord, dated April 25, 1757, in the same company as his brother James (Colonial rolls, vol. 95, p. 522). July 1, 1779, he bought from Benjamin Parker of Lincoln, Mass., for sixty-six pounds, the Lot No. 23, in Slip Town, of forty-five acres of land (Slip Town later named Temple, N. H.). (Middlesex Deeds, vol. 7, p. 41.) His estate was administered by his widow, Mrs. Hannah Melvin, May 16, 1791; among other effects, was one hundred and seventy-two acres of land in Sharon, New Hampshire, which then bore the name of Peterborough Slip. On November 19, 1739, Ethan Melvin, of Sharon, Jacob and Molly Melvin, of Concord, Jacob and Hannah Laughton, of Dummerston, Vermont, Ebenezer Gile as attorney for his son

+ Isaac Melvin husband of Susanna
his wife died Sept 20 1825 aged 67 - lch rec.

Ebenezer Gile, junior, of Townsend, Mass., John and Sarah Handley, of Concord, sold one hundred and sixty-one acres of land in the said Sharon, together with a log house built thereon, which had been made over to their late deceased father, Ephraim Melvin, late of Concord by two deeds, dated in 1778 and 1780, at the time when the place was known as Peterborough Slip (Deeds in Nashua, N. H., vol. 46, p. 346).

Ephraim Melvin married in Concord, May 8, 1759, Hannah Russell, a daughter of James and Susanna (Farrar) Russell, who was born in Concord, July 2, 1730. He died in Concord, as is written in the town book, January 13, 1783, aged 58 years.

They had children:

104. i. Hannah,⁴ born March 10, 1760; d. y.
105. ii. Betty, born February 14, 1762.
106. iii. Ethan, born August 17, 1764.
107. iv. Jacob, born October 3, 1765.
108. v. Hannah, born November 15, 1769.
109. vi. Molly, born January 15, 1774.
110. vii. Sarah (not on town records).

27. JAMES³ MELVIN, son of Captain David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, November 13, 1724. His name comes on a roll dated at Boston, January 8, 1748-9, in Captain Daniel Hill's company as a Centinel. He entered May 24, and served until December 4, 1748, served twenty-seven weeks and six days (Colonial rolls, vol. 92, p. 192). His estate was administered June 29, 1752, by John Hartwell. He died in Concord, June 3, 1752.

28. JACOB³ MELVIN, son of Captain David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, August 30, 1726. He was early connected with the movement for a new settlement in the western part of the

state, of which, it is stated in the Hampshire Gazetteer, page 225, that on February 16, 1762, "by order of General Court, Col. Oliver Partridge and Mr. Tyler, with such others as the Honorable Board may enjoin, were appointed a Committee to sell at Public Vendue the townships included in Hampshire and Berkshire counties." No. 5, now Cummington, is described, "Also another township to join west, on the east line of said last mentioned township, i.e. No. 4 after Gageborough, now Windsor, to extend east twenty miles and south and square off at right angles to make the contents six miles square." The company reported the sale as having taken place on June 3, 1762, at the Royal Exchange Tavern in Boston, on King street. No. 5 was then sold to John Cummings for eight hundred pounds, he paying the required twenty pounds down and giving a bond for the remainder.

The conditions of this sale were that, in five years there must be sixty settlers living there, each with a house erected, twenty feet by eighteen (twenty-four feet really) with seven acres of land plowed and laid down to English grass and fenced, with a protestant minister settled over them. "Tradition fixes on Samuel Brewer as the pioneer settler. He hewed trees and made himself a home near the old Indian trail from Northampton to Pittsfield; built a house and, unaided and alone, opened a road nearly five miles in length through what is now Worthington, to a place once occupied by Jonah Brewster, thence striking the old military road from Chester to Bennington. Through the road this hardy pioneer had thus opened settlers came rapidly."

The first proprietors' meeting was assembled by Colonel Cummings in Concord, on June 2, 1762. Josiah Prescott was appointed as clerk of the meeting and a standing committee of Samuel Farrar, Colonel Cummings, Colonel Charles Prescott and Captain Jonas Prescott, elected, with Captain Jonas Prescott as treasurer, and Lieutenant Joseph J. Hayward as

collector. These men chose a committee to lay out the land in sixty-three lots, of one hundred and two acres each, the extra two lots to serve for building roads. First, they made an assessment for a ministerial lot and for a school lot, then the proprietors drew for their own lots, reserving three of the best for the first division.

On Monday "ye 9, 1763," a committee was chosen, at Captain Thomas Munroe's tavern, in Concord, to make an application to General Court for the completion of No. 5. On June 28, this committee reported that the Court would make an abatement, for want of a full complement of land purchasers and for damages, said abatement to amount to seven hundred pounds. There was some difficulty here, for, on March, 1764, a second agreement was made among the proprietors, another committee was chosen to lay out the divisions, they to be allowed one pound per day with the proviso that "Charles Prescott, Esq., Lieutenant Samuel Farwell, Captain Jonas Hayward; John Cummings and Stephen Heywood shall not receive any pay as said committee, they to agree with a surveyor." At this meeting, thirty pounds were raised to defray expenses.

September 22, 1773, Jacob Melvin of No. 5, sold to Jonathan Shaw a lot of ten acres for twenty-nine pounds. At a town meeting on January 31, 1774, it was voted that Messrs. Nathan Harwood, Jacob Melvin and John Holbrook be "a committee to go to Court to get the town incorporated." This plan must have failed as, on August 27, 1778, it was voted "to send a man to General Court to get the town incorporated," and Lieutenant Jared Smith was chosen. May 20, 1767, Jacob Melvin was one of a committee, with Mr. Ward and Joseph Farr, to lay out a mill lot. November 29, 1776, Jacob Melvin sold to Abel Packard a lot of about one hundred acres. November 21, 1772, he sold another lot to Jonathan Cummings. June 23, 1779, General Court granted the desired privilege, and No. 5 was named Cummington, in honor of John

Cummings, who had been so instrumental in the settlement. On July 7, 1779, the First Congregational Church was formed.

Jacob Melvin was deer reave in 1770; was allowed eighteen pounds for building the village pound in 1708. On April 19, 1782, he sold to his son, Reuben, for fifty pounds; a part of Lot No. 5, which was bounded on the south by the Worthington line, together with one half of an orchard. June 15, 1781, it was voted that Jacob Melvin and William Robins should not be excused from hiring soldiers by way of rate. June 30, 1785, he was chosen constable to collect the remainder of the bills which had been left by Jasile Farr on his removal from the state. March 1, 1789, he was appointed to collect the debt for the benefit of the proprietors from Jonathan Shaw, junior, of the district of Plainfield. March 9, 1825, Jonathan and Persis Knapp of Cummington, Samuel and Lucy Buffington of Worthington, Solomon and Molly Hayward of Manchester, Ontario County, New York, sold parcels of land in Cummington which they held in common by right from the estate of their late deceased father, Jacob Melvin, to their brother, Reuben Melvin and his wife, Achsah, of Cummington.

Jacob Melvin married in Concord, April 26, 1757, Esther Parlin, junior, daughter of John and Mary (Hartwell) Parlin, who was born in Concord, March 13, 1732-3. Jacob Melvin died in Cummington, June 6, 1807.

They had children:

- 111. i. Lucy,⁴ born in Concord, November 13, 1757.
- 112. ii. Persis, born in Concord, February 15, 1759.
- 113. iii. Reuben, born in Concord, November 12, 1760.
- 114. iv. Molly.

30. HANNAH³ MELVIN, daughter of Captain David^a (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, October 9, 1730. She married there August 21,

1750, Jonathan Putnam of Bedford, a son of Israel and Sarah (Bacon) Putnam, who was born in Bedford, July 17, 1728. After the birth of their first child, they removed to Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Mass. He was town clerk and held other town offices. Hannah (Melvin) Putnam died soon after 1756; he married (2) in 1760, Hannah Worcester. He died in Chelmsford 1784.

Children, by the first wife:

- 115. i. Mary⁴ Putnam, born in Bedford, November 18, 1750.
- 116. ii. Sarah Putnam, born in Chelmsford, 1753.
- 117. iii. Hannah Putnam, born in Chelmsford, 1754.
- 118. iv. Lucy Putnam, born in Chelmsford, 1756.

31. **LUCY³ MELVIN**, daughter of Captain David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, November 13, 1732. She married in Concord, November 28, 1757, John Handley. She died in Concord, December 27, 1812, aged 80 years.

They had children, born in Concord:

- 119. i. Hannah⁴ Handley, born May 14, 1760.
- 120. ii. Charles Handley, born in Concord, July 9, 1762.
- 121. iii. John Handley, born in Concord, February 21, 1764.

32. **SUSANNAH³ MELVIN**, daughter of Captain David² (*John*¹) and Mary (Farrar) Melvin, was born in Concord, May 22, 1739. She married there, January 13, 1757, Samuel Laughton.

After their marriage, they first settled in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass., where five children were born to them. About the year 1768 they journeyed on to Dummerstown, Vermont. Samuel Laughton was a private in the French and Indian war; entered the Revolutionary army and was with Ethan Allen at the surrender of Fort Ticonderoga; while his name appears on the rolls of the Green Mountain Boys. He died in Dummerstown in 1814, aged 93 years.

They had children:

- 122. i. Samuel⁴ Laughton, born in Rutland, January 5, 1758.
- 123. ii. David Laughton, born in Rutland, October 22, 1759.
- 124. iii. Jacob Laughton, born in Rutland, September 10, 1761.
- 125. iv. Mary Laughton, born in Rutland, March 20, 1764.
- 126. v. James Laughton, born in Rutland, July 2, 1766; married Ruth Melvin.
- 127. vi. Susannah Laughton.
- 128. vii. Esther Laughton.
- 129. viii. Amos Laughton; married Lucy Melvin of Rutland.
- 130. ix. Sarah Laughton; d. y.

36. NATHANIEL³ MELVIN, son of Captain Eleazer² (*John*¹) and Mary (Stow) Melvin, was born in Concord, the Carlisle District, November 2, 1740.

The town of New Ipswich, Grafton County, New Hampshire, was chartered on September 9, 1762, and the first town meeting was held on September 13, 1762. The place lay on a branch of the Souhegan river, between Township No. 1 and Rowley Canada. From some cause this charter was dropped and a new charter was dated March 6, 1767. Here there came as first settlers, from that same Concord, Mass., which was continually sending forth its sons as pioneers in the various new settlements in western Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Samuel Holden, Reuben Hosmer and John, David and Nathaniel Melvin. On March 13, 1769, at one of the town meetings, it was voted that Nathaniel Melvin should serve as "hog constable" that year. While all the hogs in New England were allowed to "run at large" during a great portion of the year, only being yoked and ringed at certain periods to restrain them, for the purpose of seeing that the last condition should be carefully observed an officer, styled "hog reave," was always appointed, yearly, at the town meeting. But, as the different hog owners assumed the care of their own animals, the office was a name only and the facetious gradually

took, by way of a "good joke," the habit of electing a newly married man to the place, and from Nathaniel being elected this year we can infer that he had been recently married.

In 1770, he was chosen town surveyor of the highways. Among those who went from New Ipswich to Cambridge on the Alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775, "before daylight, on the morning of April 20, on the news of the fight at Concord, at their own time and expense under Captain Thomas Heald, himself an old Concord man," were the three Melvins. We can easily imagine the heat of temper with which these sons of their dearly loved Concord heard the direful tales of the attack of the "red coats" on their friends and kinsfolks and the eagerness with which they armed themselves and rushed to avenge the assault.

On this expedition, Nathaniel Melvin served eight days. He enlisted again, under Captain Joseph Parker and marched to Ticonderoga in 1776. On June 27, 1777, he served in Captain Josiah Brown's company, in Colonel Enoch Hale's regiment which marched from New Ipswich as far as town Number 4, where they were met by orders to turn back as far as Rindge, whence they again marched and met our army as it was on the retreat from Rutland, Massachusetts.

Nathaniel Melvin was elected surveyor of the town highways in 1776 and 1779. On March 11, 1782, it was voted to abate the rate of Nathaniel Melvin for that year (probably in consideration of his war service). On the tax list of the south part of the town were the names of Nathaniel, John and David Melvin, Reuben Hosmer and Samuel Holden. In the History of New Ipswich, page 300, we read that Samuel Holden came from Concord in the year 1763, with Reuben Hosmer, whose sister, Sally, he married, and in company with Nathaniel Melvin, who married another sister." By this we infer that Nathaniel Melvin had married in Concord one of the Hosmers; we do not find any record of that, but in the printed

records of Groton, Mass., we read that Nathaniel Melvin was married in that town on December 6, 1770, to Abigail Lakin, a daughter of William and Miriam Lakin, who was born in Groton, February 24, 1748. No report of any family can be met.

*James Chandler Jr
& Mary Melvin
both of Concord were
married by Thomas
Whitney Esq Janua
ry, 1765. Concord
records.*

37. SARAH³ MELVIN, daughter of Captain Eleazer² (John¹) and Mary (Stow) Melvin, was born in Concord, March 20, 1743. She was married there January 1, 1765, to James Chandler, a son of James and Mary Chandler, who was born in Concord, December 13, 1740. After their marriage they went to New Ipswich, where James Chandler became one of the leading deacons in the Congregational church and a prominent and useful citizen; he died there May, 1822.

They had children:

- 131. i. John⁴ Chandler, born in 1766.
- 132. ii. James Chandler, born in 1768.
- 133. iii. Samuel Chandler, born in 1769.
- 134. iv. Roger Chandler, born in 1770.

39. DAVID³ MELVIN, son of Captain Eleazer² (John¹) and Mary (Stow) Melvin, was born in Concord, May 31, 1747, according to the town books, while the records of the First Church in Concord state that he was baptized on that day. With his brothers, he became one of the early settlers of New Ipswich, New Hampshire, where his name was on the tax list of 1774. With them he marched to Cambridge "at his own time and expense on the Alarm at Lexington and Concord." August 1, 1775, he was in the battle at Bunker Hill, in Captain Ezra Towne's company, Colonel James Reed's regiment and served in that company until July 11, 1775. In the personal description, he is written as "being of a brown complexion, five feet three inches tall, and twenty-seven years old."

Some years after this there was an uprising among a sect termed "Shaking Quakers," afterwards styled

"Shakers." This community was organized in 1793, and David Melvin's name stands as the sixth in the order of record. He died in the Community, March 16, 1834, aged 86 years, and Elder Whiteley, from whom we received this account, further adds "that David Melvin was a very earnest believer, but very fond of joking."

40. JOHN³ MELVIN, son of Captain Eleazer² (*John*¹) and Mary (Stow) Melvin, was born in Concord, April 23, 1749. He, too, settled first in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and served five days at Cambridge when, with the others, he marched "at his own time and expense" to succor his relations and friends in Concord. In the New Hampshire rolls he is recorded as enlisting under Captain John —, in Colonel James Reed's regiment and served at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was reported as among those who "were either killed or mortally wounded at the fight." But, as his name repeatedly occurs after this date, it is probable this was one of the many errors that unavoidably occurred in making up the rolls, as his name stands on the State tax Rate in 1782, 1784, 1785, 1787. In 1786, there was a town meeting at which it was voted "To see if the town will abate the minister's rate for those who call themselves Shakers"; and it was voted not to abate for them.

Elder Whiteley writes: "I find the name of John Melvin recorded as one of those who first believed in the Testimony of our blessed Mother in Christ (Ann Lee) in the town of Lancaster, Mass., and as being one of the heads of families (in Lancaster) in the year 1792, when they first assembled to worship in Shirley, he then being a resident of Lancaster." The History of Lancaster, Mass., states that Mother Lee's community of Shakers was formed in 1780. A man named John Melvin owned the house that stood on the Greenbush road, on the land of William J. Knight.

Elder Whiteley adds: "The only other further mention of John Melvin is that he left the Society December 28, 1786." "The next mention of the family is that David Melvin 2d, died in Lancaster, aged fifteen years, but does not say whose son he was."

All conditions taken in conjunction, seem to prove that this John survived his wounds at Bunker Hill, that he became a man of family, owning a house in New Ipswich and another in Lancaster, where he must have resided some little time. In Worcester County, Mass., deeds, volume 28, page 220, we find one from John Melvin of New Ipswich, who sold to Samuel Russell of Harvard, eighty acres of land in New Ipswich with a house and all the buildings, on March 24, 1788, and his wife Lois renounced her dower right in the same lands. This seems to prove that it was this John who married a daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Hosmer as, in the will of this Nathaniel Hosmer, we find mention of a son Reuben, a daughter Sarah, and also a daughter Lois. It is also probable that the David who died while his father was a member of the "Shaking Quakers" was a child of John and Lois Melvin. Whither John removed upon leaving the Shaker community does not appear.

41. BRIDGET³ MELVIN, daughter (?) of Captain Eleazer² (*John*¹) and Mary (Stow) Melvin, was born in Concord, December 9, 1751. This date is not on the town or church books, but is given by one of her descendants who resides in Shirley, Middlesex County, Mass., who also owns a powder horn on which Captain Eleazer Melvin's name is cut. From the same family records we learn that it was this same Bridget who was married in Concord, October 16, 1770, to Joshua Longley, a son of William and Mary (Parker) Longley, who was born in Groton, July 25, 1751, died in Shirley November 7, 1844; she died there February 27, 1817. (Family records.)

*Joshua Longley & Bridgett Melvin Both of
Concord was Married by John Cumming Esq.^r
October ye 16, 1770 [Concord records]*

They had children:

- 135. i. Lovina⁴ Longley, born May 9, 1771; died August 11, 1777.
- 136. ii. Anne Longley, born September 17, 1773; died August 9, 1777.
- 137. iii. Anna Longley, born August 20, 1776.
- 138. iv. Stephen Longley, born February 25, 1779.
- 139. v. Lavinia Longley, born August 15, 1781; died October 1, 1808.
- 140. vi. Rufus Longley, born September 2, 1788.
- 141. vii. Lydia Longley, born May 20, 1792; died January 5, 1795.

35. BENJAMIN³ MELVIN, most probably a son of Benjamin² (*John*¹) and Lydia Melvin, was born in 1728. He owned a farm in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, and in Hudson, Grafton County, New Hampshire. February 27, Benjamin Melvin of Londonderry, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, bought for three pounds from Robert Fletcher, fifteen acres of land in Old Dunstable, Mass. (Rockingham County, N. H., deeds, Vol. 203, p. 313.) In 1754, Benjamin Melvin owned land which was on the borders of Little Massabesic Pond that was bounded on one side by land owned by Robert Melvin, and this land was in the eastern part of "Ancient Dunstable," afterwards called Nottingham West, and, still later, was set off as a part of Londonderry, New Hampshire. When Captain Eleazer Melvin's estate was settled in February, 1756, a stated sum of money was paid to Benjamin Melvin. April 27, 1761, Robert Melvin of Concord, Mass., gave a quit-claim deed for seventy-four acres of land in that part of Londonderry, New Hampshire, "formerly called Old Dunstable, Mass., for thirty-nine pounds, six shillings, to Benjamin Melvin of Londonderry. May, 1899, Miss Smith of Londonderry, New Hampshire, wrote: "Now I write you what my mother told us several years ago, as we have it in writing, in regard to her grandfather, Benjamin Melvin. That

Benjamin Melvin married Mary Marshall, and they were the parents of Reuben Melvin; they belonged in Hudson, New Hampshire." She then adds that the historian of Peterborough was mistaken when he recorded that Reuben Melvin of Peterborough was a son of Reuben of Pelham.

Benjamin Melvin married (time and place unknown) Mary Marshall. He was buried in Hudson, New Hampshire, and the inscription on his grave stone, which is still standing, is: "Erected to the Memory of Mr. Benjamin Melvin who died March 19, 1797, aged 69 years."

Their children were all born in Nottingham West, or what is now Londonderry:

142. i. Benjamin,⁴ junior; died 1830, aged 84 years.
143. ii. Lydia; married John Gregg of Wilton, who was born June 4, 1763.
144. iii. Reuben, born February 27, 1765.
145. iv. John.
146. v. Daughter; married Mr. Burrows.
147. vi. George.
148. vii. Philip.
149. viii. David.

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55. SARAH⁴ MELVIN, daughter of John³ (*Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Hannah Melvin, was born in Concord, November 23, 1748. She married, in Worcester, Mass., June 7 (February 3), 1769, Jonathan Smith, who was recorded as of Worcester at that time; but, when his wife receipted for her share in the estate of her deceased father, August 15, 1806, they were registered as residing in Westminster, Mass. X

56. AMOS⁴ MELVIN, son of John³ (*Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Hannah Melvin, was born in Concord, June 15, 1751. As a member of the Concord Minute Men he was on guard in the gray dawn of the morning of April 19, 1775, and as the news came that the British regulars were coming he sprang to the little meeting-house and, by his vigorous clanging of the bell, roused the people to a lively sense of their approaching danger.

Mr. John Beaton, one of the wealthy citizens of Concord, brought from Scotland, his niece, Mrs. Ann Flatt, a daughter of his brother James Beaton, with her children, John, James, Mary and Anna, to reside in Boston, where they remained until war was declared, when he took them into his own home. By his will, written June 25, 1776, Mrs. Flatt and each of her children was to receive eighty pounds in money. After his decease the Flatts were obliged to leave that house, and some of them went to live with Amos Melvin's father. It is said that this farm was some three miles away from the village and that Mr. Bea-

X Jonathan Davis of Epswich & Sarah
Melvin of Concord were married by R^{ed}
m^r Emerson Nov^r 27. 1766 - [Concord rec.]

ton's silver was buried on it when the English soldiers were nigh at hand.

That Amos Melvin married Anna Flatt is well authenticated by their grandchildren, but the imperfect town books do not bear the record, only stating that "Amos Melvin, husband of Anna, died August 13, 1806." This was just four days after Amos Melvin drew up his will, or on August 9, 1806. In it, he left his estate in charge of his wife, who was to take charge of his nine children. Besides property in Concord he owned land in Acton, the adjoining town. His widow, Mrs. Anna Melvin, died in Concord, January 24, 1830, aged 66 years.

They had children:

150. i. Amos,¹ born October 15, 1782.
151. ii. Charles, born November 4, 1784.
152. iii. Anna, born September 1, 1786; died February 25, 1805.
153. iv. James Flatt, born June 21, 1788; removed to Virginia.
154. v. John, born July 15, 1790; married Sally Chandler.
155. vi. Joshua, born December 28, 1792; married Miss Durant.
156. vii. Emerson, born March 1, 1795; married Eliza Rice.
157. viii. Mary, born June 14, 1797.
158. ix. William, born December 5, 1800; married Eliza Williams.
159. x. Phebe; married, December 14, 1828, David Lacy.

58. MARY⁴ MELVIN, daughter of John³ (*Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Hannah Melvin, was born in Concord, May 17, 1756. According to the terms of the settlement of her father's estate, at that time she was residing in Ashby, Worcester County, Mass., and was married to a Mr. Rice.

59. EUNICE⁴ MELVIN, daughter of John³ (*Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Hannah Melvin, was born in Concord, June 7, 1758; she married there, November 14, 1780,

x Elvira Melvin the wife of Joshua
Melvin died May 2^d 1824. aged 29
— [church record]

Joseph Polley of Fitchburg, Worcester County, Mass., where she died February 28, 1806.

They had children:

160. i. Joseph¹ Polley, born August 14, 1781.
161. ii. John Polley, born December 23, 1783.
162. iii. Elnathan Polley, born April 25, 1786.
163. iv. Ebenezer Polley, born December 3, 1788.
164. v. William Polley, born January 19, 1791.
165. vi. Eunice Polley, born April 8, 1793.
166. vii. Betsey Polley, born July 2, 1795.
167. viii. Amos Polley, born August 10, 1797.
168. ix. Bradley Varnum Polley, born August 2, 1800.

60. MILLICENT⁴ MELVIN, daughter of John³ (*Jonathan,² *John*¹) and Hannah Melvin, was born in Concord, August 1, 1760. She married about 1780-1, Joseph Hubbard, and went to live in Holden, Worcester County, Mass.*

They had children, born in Holden:

169. i. Joseph¹ Hubbard, born April 10, 1783.
170. ii. John Hubbard, born November 20, 1784.
171. iii. Bulkley Hubbard, born November 13, 1786.
172. iv. Amos Hubbard, born July 15, 1788.
173. v. Nelly Hubbard, born November 28, 1790.
174. vi. Simon Hubbard, born September 16, 1793.
175. vii. Hannah Hubbard, born May 1, 1796.
176. viii. Emerson Hubbard, born January 24, 1799.
177. ix. Attai Hubbard, born November 9, 1801.

53. JONATHAN⁴ MELVIN, son of Jonathan³ (*Jonathan,² *John*¹) and Mary (Brooks) Melvin, was born in Hollis, Grafton County, New Hampshire, January 14, 1752. On May 9, 1780, Jonathan Melvin of Shelburne, Franklin County, Mass., bought for two hundred and eighteen pounds from Abigail Hinsdale of Deerfield, Mass., Lot No. 68, of ten acres of land in Shelburne. (Hampshire County Deeds, Vol. 28, p. 62.) May 27, 1780, Jonathan Melvin, of Shelburne, sold for four hundred pounds to James Fletcher of*

Northborough, Worcester County, Mass., a house, barn and eighty-eight acres of land, which were bounded in part by land owned by Moses Foster and Francis Dickinson. (*Ibid*, Vol. 3, p. 704.) Jonathan Melvin resided in that part of Shelburne which was later incorporated as Conway, Mass. On June 9, 1781, Jonathan Melvin of Conway, Mass. (now in Franklin County) purchased from Jesse Severance, of that part of Conway formerly known as Shelburne, Lot No. 67, in the first division of Shelburne, which comprised twelve acres of land, bounded by land belonging to Sylvanus Cobb, Zadock King and by his own land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 4, p. 592.) November 6, 1792, Jonathan Melvin, still signing as of Conway, sold for one hundred and eighty pounds to Samuel Hayward fifty acres of land which originally was situated in Shelburne, bounded by the acres of Daniel Rider, John Newhall and Israel Hobart; to this deed his "now wife" Beulah Melvin signs her dower right. (*Ibid*, Vol. 12, p. 1792.) On February 6, 1794, he sold for three hundred and forty pounds ninety acres of land which he had purchased in 1792, to John Moore of Whately, Mass. (*Ibid*, Vol. 14, p. 34.) April 20, 1813, Jonathan Melvin of Groton, Middlesex County, Mass., sold ninety acres of land in Groton to Joseph Rockwood, and again his wife Beulah signs. (Middlesex County, Mass., Deeds, Vol. 171, p. 98.)

Jonathan Melvin served as a private in Captain Well's company, Colonel Woodbridge's regiment, in which he enlisted for five months in 1776. In the fall of 1777, he again enlisted for one year and five months and was present at Burgoyne's surrender, entering the army from Concord. In his application for a pension, he stated that he then was living with his son, Jonathan, in Manchester, New York; but that he resided in Groton, Mass., two years after peace was declared, thence removed to Phelps, New York. Also writing that he was born in Hollis, New Hampshire, January 14, 1752. (Pension Papers from Washington, D. C.)

Jonathan Melvin married at Conway, Mass., about the year 1777-8, Beulah Leland, a daughter of James and Lucy (Warren) who was born in Grafton, Middlesex County, Mass., and died in Phelps, New York, in 1828; he died in Manchester, New York. (From all of these towns complete data cannot be learned.)

They had children:

- 178. i. Jonathan,^a junior, born in 1779.
- 179. ii. Mary, born in 1781.
- 180. iii. Caleb, born 1783.
- 181. iv. Ansel, born 1786.
- 182. v. John, born 1791; died in Groton, 1792.
- 183. vi. Polly, born 1793.
- 184. vii. Betsey, born 1795.
- 185. viii. Silvia, born 1797.
- 186. ix. John, born 1799.
- 187. x. Alanson, born 1801.
- 188. xi. Joel, born 1803.
- 189. xii. Orra, born 1805.
- 190. xiii. Lucy, born 1807.

(Leland Genealogy.)

62. EBENEZER⁴ MELVIN, son of Captain Ebenezer³ (*Jonathan,² John¹*) and Susannah (Dinsmore) Melvin, was born in Hollis, New Hampshire, on December 28, 1752. He resided on his father's homestead farm and owned and managed a saw mill in Groton, Plymouth County, New Hampshire. A granddaughter now living in Plymouth, New Hampshire, says that her grandfather was a very devout and religious man and that, when a little child and he was living at her father's home, she used to stand by his door where she was attracted by the sound of his voice as he poured forth such fervid prayers, long and marked by such beauty of faith as to deeply impress her childish mind, as he plead for the spiritual welfare of his children in the home of her mother, where his last years were passed.

Ebenezer Melvin married in Hollis, on February

20, 1777, Joanna Bailey, a daughter of David and Rebecca Bailey, who was born in Hollis, January 30, 1758, died in Groton many years before the decease of her husband, the time of whose death is also unfound. They were both buried in the old grave yard in Groton, but there is no stone to reveal the time.

They had children, all born in Groton, but not recorded:

191. i. Ebenezer^s 2d, who was drowned while crossing a river in West Virginia, whither he had wandered.
192. ii. Seth.
193. iii. Walter.
194. iv. Daniel.
195. v. Nathan.
196. vi. Enoch.
197. vii. Andrew.
198. viii. Amos, who also went to Virginia, then to settle his brother's estate.
199. ix. A son, who was drowned while fox hunting and was buried in Groton.
200. x. Susan.
201. xi. Rebecca.
202. xii. Betsey.
203. xiii. Sarah, who married Peter Blanchard.

68. ENOCH⁴ MELVIN, son of Captain Ebenezer³ (*Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Susannah (Dinsmore) Melvin, was born in Hollis, New Hampshire, August 30, 1769. He removed from Groton, New Hampshire, to Bridgewater, Plymouth County, N. H., before 1800. On March 13, 1812, Enoch Melvin of Bridgewater, sold for one hundred dollars, eighty acres of land in New Chester, New Hampshire, "which were bid off at the sale of Tolford Murray's" effects to Moses Lewis. (Plymouth, New Hampshire, Deeds, Vol. 55, p. 267.) August 10, 1810, Enoch Melvin bought half a lot of land in the town of Plymouth, of forty-five acres, and on June 11, 1811, another lot in Bridgewater. Fifty acres in Plymouth, April 2, 1811; another lot of fifty acres in Plymouth, February 15, 1812. (Plymouth

County Deeds, Vol. 55, pp. 401, 402, 404.) April 27, 1814, he bought in Groton, N. H., one hundred acres, and another lot of one hundred acres in Plymouth, March 16, 1814. (*Ibid*, Vol. 62, pp. 39, 67.) December 13, 1823, he sold to his son, Nathaniel Peabody Melvin of Bridgewater, for five hundred dollars, four lots of land of one hundred acres each, and two of fifty acres each, in Peeling, Grafton County, New Hampshire. (*Ibid*, Vol. 92, p. 188.) On September 2, 1828, Enoch Melvin of Bridgewater, made his will, and it was given to the Probate Court at Woodsville, November 4, 1828. In it he appoints his wife, Mary, executrix, mentions his son Nathaniel Peabody Melvin, son Joseph Read, and daughters, Mary Boardman and Elmira Varnum, willing to his wife all his real estate. January 27, 1829, Mrs. Mary Melvin of Bridgewater, administratrix of the estate of her late deceased husband, Enoch Melvin, sold a lot of land in that part of Bridgewater which had been incorporated as Bristol, N. H. (Deeds, Vol. 116, p. 25.)

Enoch Melvin married in Plymouth, New Hampshire, March 27, 1794, Mary Read of Plymouth, perhaps a daughter of Joseph Read.

They had children, registered in Plymouth town book:

- 204. i. Mary,* born January 2, 1795.
- 205. ii. Mira (Elmira), born May 20, 1797: married Mr. Varnum.
- 206. iii. Nathaniel Peabody, born January 19, 1799.
- 207. iv. Arthur, born November 29, 1801, not mentioned in
* his father's will of 1828.
- 208. v. Joseph Read, born July 21, 1804.

69. JOSIAH⁴ MELVIN, son of Josiah³ (*Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Lydia (Barrett) Melvin, was born in Concord, August 24, 1758. In 1778, his name as Josiah Melvin, junior, stood on a roll of Captain George Minot's company for service in the army from Concord. (Rev. Rolls, Vol. 52, p. 105.) November 10,

1780, his name is on a Pay Roll for the six months' men who marched on July 10 and served until November 16, 1780. (*Ibid*, Vol. 40, p. 44.) July 14, 1780, Josiah Melvin, junior, aged twenty years, standing five feet, five inches in height, residing in Concord, arrived at Springfield, Mass., in the Fifth Division, under Captain Hancock. (*Ibid*, Vol. 35, p. 196.) August, 1780, his name is on a list of men raised in Concord for service in the Continental army. (*Ibid*, Vol. 27, p. 10.) He was one of the privates who mounted guard over the unfortunate Major André.

August 17, 1790, Josiah Melvin of Packersfield, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, sold for thirty-three pounds to John Buxton of Wilton, New Hampshire, Lot No. 5, in the north-western part of Packersfield, amounting to one hundred acres of land. (Hillsborough County Deeds, in Keene, N. H., Vol. 16, p. 16.) Later, the name of Packersfield was changed to that of Nelson.

Josiah Melvin married in Concord, by the Rev. Ezra Ripley, on January 28, 1790, Sally (there recorded as Sarah) Minot, a daughter of Captain Jonas and Mary (Hall) Minot, who was born in Concord, January 14, 1763. He died in Nelson, January 8, 1818. By an act of the New Hampshire legislature, his name was changed to the spelling of Melville, the original form of the present Melvin.

October 13, 1813, the Rev. Laban Ainsworth of Jaffrey, with his wife Mary, Jonas Minot Melville of Packersfield, Lydia Melville, Josiah Melville, junior, Henry Melville, both minors, acting by Josiah Melville, Esq., their father, Mary Minot the 4th, now in Concord, Mass., Sally Minot of Packersfield, Jonas Minot of Jaffrey, minors acting by Nathan Barrett of Concord, Mass., their guardian, Abigail Minot of Jaffrey, Charles Barrett of Boston, Mass., with his wife Martha, Samuel Minot of Bath, New Hampshire, James Minot of Sutton, New Hampshire, from deeds to us by Stephen Minot of Haverhill, Mass., in which he con-

veyed to us his rights in lands in New Hampshire which came to us as heirs of the late deceased Captain Jonas Minot of Concord, Mass., give a quit-claim deed of all their rights in four lots of land in Franconia, eight lots in Franconia 2d range and four lots in the 4th range of Franconia. (Hillsborough Connty, N. H., Deeds, Vol. 59, p. 392.)

They had children:

- 209. i. Jonas^s Minot, born in Nelson, May 7, 1791. + +
- 210. ii. Lydia, born in Nelson, July 29, 1792.
- 211. iii. Josiah 3d, born in Nelson, September 29, 1793; died there on October 25, 1814.
- 212. iv. Henry, born in Nelson, August 27, 1794.

72. STEPHEN⁴ MELVIN, son of Josiah³ (*Jonathan² John¹*) and ~~Sarah~~ (*Hartwell*) Melvin, was born in Concord, March 25, 1763. On October 13, 1786, his father gave his son Stephen, a deed for a one hundred acre of land in the township of Cardigan, New Hampshire, which belonged to the original right of Zadock Shelden (Plymouth County, New Hampshire Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 578). On August 28, 1791, Stephen Melvin, of Concord, Mass., sold for thirty pounds to William Cummings, of Cockersmouth, New Hampshire, one hundred acres of land in Cardigan, alias Orange, New Hampshire, on which land the said Stephen Melvin had worked for some time past. This lot adjoined that which was formerly owned by John Handley. (This John Handley was probably the man who had married a daughter of Captain David Melvin.) August 2, 1785, Josiah Melvin of Concord, housewright, sold for ten pounds ten shillings, to his two sons, Josiah, junior, and Stephen Melvin, one hundred and sixty-four acres of land in Concord, and Rebecca and James Melvin were witnesses to this deed (Middlesex County, Mass., deeds, Vol. 92, p. 264). May 20, 1793. Josiah Melvin, of Packersfield, New Hampshire, with Stephen Melvin of Concord, Mass., sold for

Lydia Barnett

*Stephen Melvin ye son of Josiah Melvin
+ Lydia his wife was Born March 25, 1763*

*++ Jonas Melvin [Concord records
husband of Rhoda Ann his wife died April 24th 1834
aged 33 years - [church record in Concord]*

four hundred and seventy pounds to Jonathan Hildreth the "homestead of our father, Josiah Melvin, where he now lives, thirty-three acres of land, together with other lots." (*Ibid*, Vol. 170, p. 495.) By these deeds, we learn that Stephen Melvin at first tried the experiment of working the new lands in the recently established township of Cardigan, but soon returned to Concord. After this, all trace of him disappears from town and county books.

86. ELEAZER⁴ MELVIN, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Sarah — Melvin, was born in Concord, March 30, 1743, therefore must have been sixteen years of age when his father started for Chester, Nova Scotia. No statement has yet been found which would show whether he were one of the four children who went there with their father, and one evidence to the contrary is in the Colonial war records, volume 96, page 523, where the fact is put that Eleazer, son of Robert Melvin, served under Captain Thomas Adams, in Colonel Nichol's regiment, from April 5, 1758, to November 11, 1759 and was reported as discharged on October 29, 1759. This was in the ensuing fall of the same year that his father sailed for Chester, and by this entry we seem to furnish sufficient proof that Eleazer was left in the army when his relatives departed. By this war record, we see at once how natural it was that Eleazer should continue his devotion to the English cause, and the one thing remarkable is that the son who remained among the colonists should have been of the loyalists, while the son who was carried to the Nova Scotia English should have been so zealous in the cause of the young, rebellious colonies of New England as to give the greater part of his young manhood to fighting against his father's friends.

That Eleazer was a son of Lieutenant Robert, of Chester, is shown by the following deed, given by

Robert, of Chester, N. S., June 7, 1773, of a tract of land of sixty three acres in Nottingham West, New Hampshire, to his son, Eleazer Melvin, housewright, of Littleton, Mass., and this deed was sworn in the presence of Jonathan Prescott, Justice of the Peace in Halifax (Middlesex County, Mass., Deeds, Vol. 27, p. 178.) That he always remained a loyalist, is shown by various records. In Mr. Dinsmore's Hartwell Genealogy, he states that "Eleazer Melvin, a loyalist during the war, had his lands confiscated by General Court, went to Nova Scotia, where he received liberal compensation from the British government. He lived in Lincoln, Mass., some years after the end of the war" (Hartwell Genealogy, page 182, *et seq.*). This record is substantiated by other prints and by his family letters, written while he was living in Halifax, N. S. In these he offered a home to any of his relations who might be suffering from the hardships arising from the losses entailed by the protracted struggle. The books of Crown Grants in Halifax do not give any made to this Eleazer, nor of any sale of the same, which must have taken place, since he returned to Concord in a few years after peace was declared.

His adherence to the British side caused his immediate family as much distress as such, to them, misguided devotion did in all the New England families and was the more embittered in Concord, inasmuch as to separate husband from wife, father from children in the little, hot-tempered town, where even the very name of the erring was buried under a grim silence which was more eloquent than the severest words and wrought more highly on the imagination of the younger generations, who, outside of the rush of wounded feeling, naturally believed that the men whose very existence was a blight, must have committed some enormous crime. Thus it was with the children of Captain Eleazer Melvin. They not only held a deadly silence but even his memory was shut away from all ken and thus the impression perpetuated

that his conduct was too grievous for their knowledge, and it was not until the later recognition by the New England people that there was justification for the adherents to their mother country in the conflict of those early days that the thought gained ground that Eleazer Melvin might really have some toleration for his actions.

His first home was in that Carlisle District which early and late was constantly importuning for its separate existence, ever sending in petitions to General Court for permission to set up its own tabernacle in its own precincts, to hold its own town meetings in its own hall, and in all other ways to manifest its own individual existence. At times it succeeded and then the records were "writ" in its own books, but mostly it seems to have been rather snubbed and rather "put down," whereby those men who owned property and resided in this, North Concord, at times could record the data in their families, more often not, much to the distress of seekers in the present, who can only garner occasional statistics.

Eleazer Melvin married (1) in Concord, by Thomas Whiting, Esq., September 4, 1764, Sarah Hartwell, both giving their residence as if Littleton. That she was a daughter of Josiah and Hannah Hartwell, is proven by her father's will, in which he gave five shillings each to the grand children, the heirs of his daughter, Sarah Melvin, late deceased. She was born September 24, 1744, died in Littleton, January 3, 1783; he married (2), publishing his marriage intention in Littleton, June 14, 1785, to Mrs. Anna Brown, of Lincoln, Mass. Eleazer and Hannah Melvin, of Lincoln, he a housewright, or joiner, gave a mortgage deed, on a farm lately owned by Benjamin Brown and then occupied by the said Benjamin (Middlesex County Deeds, Vol. 95, p. 142). In 1792, Eleazer's estate was levied upon, even his pew in the Lincoln meeting house.

His children were :

- 213. i. Sarah,⁴ born in Littleton, March 14, 1767 ; married there, January 22, 1789, Jonathan Jewett, he of Lincoln, she of Littleton.
- 214. ii. Bethiah, born in Littleton, August 1, 1770 ; married there November 20, 1791, William Lincoln, both claiming from Lincoln.
- 215. iii. Nathan, lost at sea.
- 216. iv. A daughter, married Mr. Wright.
- 217. v. Josiah.
- 218. vi. Lydia, born in Littleton, September 26, 1786 ; married there, May 15, 1794, Williard Tenney ; went to Vermont.

88. JAMES MELVIN,⁴ son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Sarah Melvin, was born (according to his own statement) in Concord, Mass., and about the year 1749. He evidently must have been one of the four motherless children who went with their father to Chester in 1759. The first written proof of this is in the Diary of Miss Seccombe, a daughter of the Rev. John Seccombe, whose beautifully written book, now in the holding of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, at Halifax, completely supplements the more alimentary records of her humorous father. She noted, in 1769 "James Melvin killed our Shoreham dog." And, again, a few days later, "James Melvin called here to-day."

Upon the second marriage of his father, James, who was then about fourteen years of age and probably rather self-willed and turbulent, became so little in accord with his young step-mother that it was thought best to make some arrangement by which they could be more separated, and his father proposed to indenture him with his personal friend, Jonathan Prescott, who was then a man of good standing and prominence in that town and in Halifax. The headstrong boy strenuously resented this and declared that if the project was carried out he would "run away." But his

threats were unheeded or deemed but the foolish anger of an unreasonable boy, and he was sent to Mr. Prescott.

In about one year after that, James secreted himself on one of the many sloops which were constantly plying between Chester, Halifax and Boston, and made his way back to his father's and his own native place, Concord, where his elder brother, Eleazer, was then living.

In 1775, when James was nearly twenty six years of age, he became a private in one of the picked regiments which were personally selected by General James Dearborn to go into Canada, for the conquest of Quebec. From the very beginning of his enlistment, James Melvin started a Diary, and so good was his work, and so rare were reports of this important expedition, that, many years later, it was decreed worthy of an especial print, by the New York Club, as being one of the very best histories of the campaign. This Diary had been carefully kept in his own family and various items had been noted on its blank pages by his son, of events in the family of Chester, Massachusetts. These items go to still further show the identity of the man and his family. In the printed preface, by a member of the New York Club, it is stated that "as a contribution to the history of Arnold's march to Canada it is of great value, when we consider how very meagre are the details given by historians in general." It begins :

"A JOURNAL.—Cambridge, September 13, 1775. This day being Wednesday, marched from Cambridge in Captain Dearborn's company destined for Quebec and were embarked at Newburyport for Kennebec river. We were lodged in Medford, September 14. Received one month's pay and marched to Lynn, lodged at Porter's tavern. September 15, marched to Ipswich. September 16, marched to Newburyport; the company were quartered in a ropewalk. September 17, Sunday. The detachment went to meeting. September 18. P.M. Embarked on board a schooner of seventy five tons, the whole

were embarked on eleven vessels. September 21. Saw two of our vessels coming out of Sheepscoot river into the Kennebec. We proceeded up the river as far as the tide would permit and came to anchor within six miles of Fort Western. September 28. Proceeded up the river and found the water shoal which caused a rapid current and we were often obliged to get out and wade, pushing the boat after us——Nov. 3. Snowed all day; marched about nine miles when we drew provisions. Nov. 6. Marched twenty miles; very bad travelling, as it was all the way to Quebec. Twelve miles was through woods, in the night, mid leg in snow and mud. I traveled the whole day without eating and could not get any house to lay in, but lodged in a barn all night. Nov. 7. Marched fifteen miles; snowed all day. My money being gone, I could get nothing to eat 'till night, when there was an ox killed. Nov. 8. Marched six miles and came to Point Levi on the river St. Lawrence opposite Quebec. Nov. 13. In the evening crossed the St. Lawrence at the mill above Point Levi and landed at Wolfe's Cove. I went back twice to fetch over the people and stayed 'till day. The town was alarmed by our Colonel firing at a boat on the river. We went to Major Caldwell's house, about two miles from the city where we were quartered; a whole company having only one small room. Nov. 9. I was employed all the fore part of the day in butchering for the army and about four in the morning got on our march and went to Point aux Trembles, about twenty six miles from Quebec, where I stood sentry two hours and off every night when I continued, till the army came down to Quebec. We were quartered in a nunnery near the town but it was wanted for a hospital and we went over to St. Charles, where we continued. Dec. 10, Sunday. Busy making scaling ladders, etc. Dec. 25. Had orders to give our opinion whether to scale or not. Dec. 26. Turned out to storm the town, but it was too light. Dec. 31. Sunday. About four in the morning were mustered in order to storm the town; it snowed and stormed and was very dark. Our company had not timely notice of the attack, which occasioned us to be too late, for when the firing began we had a mile and a half to march. We made all possible haste and met Colonel Arnold going back, wounded. I was on guard at St. Roque that night, and went forward with the main body, and was out with the Company. The Company went beyond Palace Gate, the enemy firing briskly at them from the walls and killing two or three. The enemy sallied out and they surrendered, as did

all the detachments, except some few who made their escape. We were put into a monastery among the friars; at night we had some biscuits distributed among us.

January, 1776. Prisoner in Quebec.

Jan. 1. We had a straw bed between two and a blanket each man served to us. We had some porter given us. Snowed in the morning. Jan. 4. All the old country men were called into another room and examined. Snowed in the morning. Jan. 5. They were called for again and made to arm for the king until the 31st day of May. Jan. 7. Some of our people taken with the small pox. Jan. 9. Our living is salt pork, biscuit, rice and butter and a sufficiency allowed if we were not cheated in our weight by one Dewey, who is appointed our quarter master sergeant, to deal our provisions, and instead of being our friend proves our greatest enemy, defrauding us of great part of our provisions. We have not above three oz. of pork a day and half a pint of rice and two biscuits a day. Jan. 10. Fair but excessive cold. I went to the hospital, having the small pox; went to the hospital; some of our men's clothes brought into town from our army, but none for our company. I am now got almost well, having had the small pox lightly. Jan. 20. Dewey complained of fifteen of our men who had agreed to fight their way out; two of them were put into irons. Jan. 21. Cloudy and cold. We were ordered to make a return of all the tradesmen among us. About this time two of our company who were listed into the king's army made their escape out of the town. This day I came out of the hospital. Jan. 31. The time seems very long; no employment. Nothing heard or seen but playing at cards, swearing, and some playing all their allowance of victuals; some employ themselves in making spoons, little boxes, etc. cloudy. February 15. One of our men, named Parrot put into irons for calling one of the emigrants a tory. Our army opened a battery. Feb. 16. All the old country men brought into prison again because six of them deserted last night. Feb. 24. Various reports concerning us; some say we shall be sent to England and sold as slaves to some island; others say we shall certainly be hanged; but we are in hopes that our people will release us by taking the town. March 10. We were removed to the gaol near St. John's Gate, which is bomb proof. Here we have the liberty of a yard of about a quarter of an acre. About this time a plan was laid for our enlargement and we prepared to break out and make our escape by seizing the guard.

March 31. Sunday. Snowed; our scheme found out; the sentry hearing some noise in the cellar, search was made and some suspicion raised which might have passed off had not one of our men, John Hall, discovered the whole affair, and all the sergeants and corporals were put into irons. April. Fair weather. This morning the guard turned out and fired some time before the gaol; then the alarm bell rung and the cannon on the walls were fired in order to draw our army near the walls that they might cut them off with grape shot. This day we were almost all in irons. April 14. Sunday. Major McKousie came in and took Captain Morgan's company out of irons. April 17. Had a week's allowance of fresh beef which had been killed three or four months, of which they boasted much, telling us that it was more than our army could get. Windy and cold. April 22. The time seems long; all in irons; though most of us pull them off at night. I never lay but one or two nights with them on. May 6. About sunrise the town was alarmed, and the ships came up, landed some troops, and sailed out of the river. The troops marched out at noon and our army retreated, leaving a few sick men behind them who were brought into town. (Lossing says these men were kindly treated and finally sent home.)

May 7. Gen. Carleton came in and ordered our irons to be taken off. May 10. Two riflemen were taken out of gaol; we don't know on what terms. Same day, two Jersey dumpling eaters were brought in; they were found among the bushes, not having tried to escape, being too heavily laden with dumplings and a quantity of flour. May 18. Pleasant weather; hear that Major Meigs and Captain Dearborn are gone home. June 1. Gen. Carleton came to us and offered to send us home on condition not to take arms again. June 13. Fair weather. Hear they have taken two hundred of our men, who are to be sent to Halifax. Heard that our men had sunk the Commodore. June 17. Heard that our army have killed and taken 4000 Dutchmen. June 29. Fair weather. Hear that peace is proclaimed; also that they have killed 4000 of our men and taken 10000 and that Gen Washington is killed. June 30. We hear that there is a French fleet come into Philadelphia of seventy sail. Two ships came up to Quebec. July 5. Rainy morn; clear afternoon. One of our men was so indiscrete as to pull out one of the iron bars in sight of the sentry. When he was relieved he fetched the officer of the guard and showed them what had been done, and search being made, some more

were found out, which caused much suspicion of us all. The prisoners brought in last night inform us that the Indians scalped many of our soldiers, some of them alive; but that Gen. Carleton, to his great honor, has refused to pay these murdering fiends for any more scalps, but will pay them the same reward for every prisoner. July 7. The man who pulled out the grate beat the man who informed of him and he complained to the Provost. We hear that they have sent an express to the Governor informing him we have made another attempt to break out; we also have a report that our officers had attempted to set the place on fire. This, as well as many more reports, are not worthy belief. July 11. Fine morning; rained in the afternoon and night. Hear that Col. McClane is taken and two thousand of their men, crossing the Lake and that there is a French fleet coming here. We also hear that the German troops are to return home. July 19. Cloudy and cold, the weather is so cold that the Canadians do not expect a good crop of corn. It is so cold as to wear a great coat. We hear that Col McClane says we shall not be sent home. July 21. Rainy weather with thunder. Hear we are to go home. We very soon heard from our officers, who gave us encouragement. We have also a report that the French, Spaniards and Prussians are at war with Great Britain; and that there is a large fleet in the Bay of St. Lawrence. July 27. Fair weather. We hear that the Governor has let our officers know that he will send us home on the 4th. or 5th of August. This day we saw the French priest going to visit a sick person. He was attended by about twenty people as followers; first a man ringing a little hand bell, then two men or boys carrying two lanterns with lighted candles on poles about 10 ft. long; then comes the priest under a canopy supported by two men; it is like the tester of a bed. The priest is dressed in white linen robes over his black clothes, and things as heavy as boards tied to his knees and hang dangling and knocking against his shins. They have crosses on these things. After the priest follow the friars and children of the sick person and any others that happen to be going that way that think they are doing good to join in with the rest. Every one that hears the bell ringing is obliged to kneel down while they pass by. The priest has a great cross upon his breast and a string of wooden beads by his side. The people all have these beads when they go to church to help them remember their prayers. July 28. Fair weather. This day Mr. Murray, barrack master, came in and told us we

were to sail in a week. We now begin to believe there is something in it, though we have had so many different reports that we can scarcely believe anything we hear. July 31. Fair weather. We hear a report that our army have reentered Canada and retaken Fort St. Johns. We have been seven month in prison today. Aug. 2. Fair weather. The news today is, that our people have wounded the German general mortally and taken 500 prisoners at Lake Champlain. We have it confirmed that we are to go on board the vessel on Sunday next. Aug. 5. Fair weather. This afternoon we have each of us a shirt given us and thirty five of our men were sent on board; after signing the papers."

This is the substance of this valuable diary, from the abstract of which much has been necessarily omitted. Subsequent events show that the tedious life in the Canadian prison did not impair James Melvin's military ardor in the least, since he again enlisted and on July 13, 1775, he gave a receipt for advance pay for service under Captain Adam Wheeler, in Colonel Dolittle's regiment, when it was in camp at Charlestown. (Rev. Rolls, Vol. 35, p. 94.) On December 29, 1779, he then claiming his residence at Hubbards-ton, Mass., served under Captain William Marean, in the 7th Worcester regiment. (*Ibid*, Vol. 42, p. 4.) He served as matross under Captain Bryant, in Colonel Mason's regiment, serving from March 20, 1777, to December 31, 1779, then giving Concord as his place of abode. (*Ibid*, Vol. 20, part 4, file 10.) Again as matross under Captain Benjamin Frothingham, in Colonel John Crane's regiment of artillery, stationed at Springfield, Mass., when he was reported as enlisted for the war and received pay for October, 1778. (*Ibid*, Vol. 46, p. 55.) He was reported at Springfield, under Captain Bryant in Colonel Hogdon's regiment, from January 1 to December 31, 1780. (*Ibid*, Vol. 20, part 4, file 10.) This time he appears to have been chiefly employed in making powder at the Armory, as he states in the letter which he petitions for a pension.

June 17, 1784, he, with others, received an allotment of land at Chester, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia (Crown Grants, at Halifax, Vol. 17, p. 44), which shows that he had not lost all interest in his early home; but he does not seem to have made any attempt to settle there, as, about this time, he bought a mountain farm in Chester, Hampshire County, Mass., and cultivated it for many years.

"Two or three years before he died, he went back to Springfield, saying he desired to end his days there." (From his grandson, Jonathan Melvin of Becket, Mass.)

March 5, 1801, James Melvin of Springfield, of the 8th regiment, was entitled to receive two hundred acres of land or twenty dollars in money. (Rev. Rolls, Vol. 29, p. 149.) In a letter from John Avery, dated February 18, 1804, to J. Jackson, treasurer, furnished evidence of the soldiers who were entitled to a gratuity under the Resolve of March 4, 1804, he gave James Melvin's name as credited with twenty dollars. (*Ibid*, Vol. 53, p. 228.) Soon after this James Melvin began to plead for a pension in a series of letters, which are on file at the United States Pension Bureau in Washington. He gave, for one reason, that his wife was an invalid and had been ill for five years. He succeeded in gaining an allowance in 1808, but his name was dropped in 1820.

He married in Springfield, December 29, 1778, the widow Katherine Cooley, a daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Warner) Morgan, who was born in Springfield, December 31, 1744. She had been published in marriage as Katharine Morgan, junior, April 30, 1763, to Moses Cooley, junior. "Mrs. Catherine Melvin died in Springfield, wife of James Melvin, December 16, 1825, aged nearly 81 years." (Springfield City Records.) The time of his death has not yet been ascertained.

They had children:

219. i. James,⁶ born in Springfield, July 4, 1779.
 220. ii. Jonathan, born in Springfield, February 29, 1782.
 221. iii. Sarah, born in Springfield, March 19, 1795, and the clerk adds, "now of Chester, late of Springfield."

90. NATHANIEL⁴ MELVIN, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, Nova Scotia, June 24, 1765. He was the first son and the oldest child by this second marriage. October 9, 1790, he bought for eight pounds, of Daniel Vaughan, two shares in Oak Island. (Lunenburg County Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 447.) May 1, 1805, he, with his wife, Elizabeth, sold for fifty pounds to Henry Haubolt, land on the west side of Hammond's Cove. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 604.) November 1, 1802, he bought for sixty pounds from Michael and Mary Wallace, of Halifax, a house and two lots of land in Chester. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 726.) December 12, 1810, he sold for one hundred pounds to Moses McClear, school master, a house and land in Chester, with wharf privileges, and his wife, Elizabeth, signed. (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, p. 216.) January 6, 1813, he, "now of County Halifax, Nova Scotia," sold for seven hundred and sixty pounds, to John Broom, eight acres of land, a lot Nathaniel had previously purchased from Nicholas Floyd; another lot, bought from David Floyd, which lots were a part of the one hundred acres of land, lying on the east side of the Windsor road "I had undivided from my father Robert Melvin and from my brother, Robert Melvin." (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 35.) With his eight children he bought a large farm in Hammond Plain, Halifax County, Nova Scotia.

His will is filed at Halifax; it was drawn August 3, 1844, In it he mentions his wife, Elizabeth, gave to his second son, John, three hundred and fifty acres of land; to his third son, James, the homestead and "my new house"; mentions daughters, Ann Matthews, second daughter Elizabeth, Sarah Vernon, Jane

Frizzle, fifth daughter Louisa. Nathaniel Melvin married in Chester, where all his children were born excepting one.

They had children:

- 222. i. Anne,^{*} born in Chester, June 7, 1796; married William Matthews; resided in Boston, Mass.
- 223. ii. William, born in Chester, April 29, 1798.
- 224. iii. Elizabeth, born in Chester, April 3, 1800; unm.
- 225. iv. Sarah Jane, born in Chester, August 17, 1803; married Augustus Vernon of Shelburne, N. S., where she died in 1809.
- 226. v. Louisena, born in Chester, February 14, 1805; d. unm.
- 227. vi. John, born in Chester, April 12, 1807.
- 228. vii. James, born in Chester in 1809; married Susan Johnson; resided in Hammond Plain.
- 229. viii. Jane, born in Chester about 1810; married Mr. Frizzle; resided in Boston, Mass.
- 230. ix. Nathaniel, born in Hammond Plain in 1817; died there May, 1835, aged 18 years.

91. ELIJAH⁴ MELVIN, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, January 14, 1767. On December 20, 1797, Elijah Melvin, farmer, bought for twenty-two pounds, from John Smith and his wife, Sarah, part of a sixty acre lot of land in Chester, of twenty-eight acres, "which was willed to my wife, Sarah, by her late deceased grandfather, Simon Floyd." Robert Melvin was one of the witnesses to this deed. (Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, Deeds, Vol. 5, pp. 57, 66.) On August 6, 1806, Richard Houghton, with the consent of his wife, Lucy, a daughter of Robert Melvin, late deceased, sold for ten pounds to the heirs of Elijah Melvin, also late deceased, a farm lot No. 7, it being the late home estate of their father, Robert Melvin, always excepting the house on the said farm lot and the widow's dower right to one-third part in the estate of the said Robert. (*Ibid*, Vol. 61, pp. 138, 303.)

By these deeds, we learn that Elijah Melvin resided on the homestead after his father's decease, that he married a wife named Sarah, who was probably one of the Floyd family, since the deed shows that they held land which was originally owned by old Simon Floyd, and that Elijah died before 1806, or before he had attained his fortieth year. No children have been traced.

92. DAVID⁴ MELVIN, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, N. S., April 9, 1770. October 7, 1806, David Melvin, wife Abigail, sold for seven pounds, to Michael Kezzer, land on the Windsor road, bounded by land belonging to the heir of Robert Melvin, late deceased, of Chester, one hundred acres. (Lunenburg County, N. S., Deeds, Vol. 5, p. 14.) June 12, 1812, Mary, widow of Thomas Floyd, David Melvin, wife Abigail, Jacob Melvin, wife Mary, Henry Laune, wife Miriam, John Smith, wife Ann, Thomas, Rachel and William Floyd, all heirs of Thomas Floyd, who died intestate, with Susannah Melvin of St. Martin's, New Brunswick, and Hannah Broom of St. Martin's, unite in a deed in which the widow of Thomas Floyd purchased the share of all the other heirs for her daughter in St. Martin's. The widow agreed to give ninety pounds and an obligation from Thomas and William Floyd to yield her a decent maintenance and burial; said obligation to date from April 24, 1810, together with all household furniture and clothes except one bed and bedding. Abigail and David Melvin to accept as their full share the eastward half of a lot on the west side of the Windsor road, between the farm lot of John Bradshaw and James Ward Ackers' land. Mary and Jacob Melvin to have Floyd's grant, lots No. 4, 5, 10, of one hundred and fifty acres. Miriam and Henry Laune to accept the west side of the lot that Abigail and David Melvin.

were to receive. Ann and John Smith to have their father's home estate and lot No. 8. Rachel Floyd to have fifty pounds. (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 109.) October 9, 1828, Abigail Melvin, Mary Melvin, Rachel Brothers and her husband, Richard Brothers, of Falmouth, N. S., agree to pay towards the support of their mother, yield to their brother, William Floyd, all claim in their brother Thomas Floyd's land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 414, p. 5.)

David Melvin remained in Chester, where he married Abigail Floyd, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Floyd.

They had children:

- 231. i. Phebe,^a born November 15, 1795.
- 232. ii. David, born August 14, 1796.
- 233. iii. Susannah, born December 4, 1799.
- 234. iv. Thomas, born December 4, 1801.
- 235. v. Ruth, born November 12, 1803.
- 236. vi. Isaac, born November 6, 1805.
- 237. vii. Robert, born February 18, 1807.
- 238. viii. John Crane, born August 9, 1809.
- 239. ix. Abraham, born May 4, 1812.
- 240. x. Rebecca, born August 14, 1814.
- 241. xi. Mariane, born December 6, 1817.
- 242. xii. Sarah Ann, born June 4, 1821.

93. AMOS⁴ MELVIN, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, July 6, 1772. On April 3, 1801, Amos Melvin joined with Nicholas and Catherine Floyd in the sale of one hundred acres of land in Chester, for forty-two pounds, to Francis and Jacob Millett, which said acres were a part of the original grant to Thomas and Simon Floyd. (Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, Deeds, Vol. 5, pp. 176, 212.) On January 4, 1803, Amos Melvin bought for fifteen pounds from Ebenezer Fitch, one-third of Seccombe's Island, a lot of four acres. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, pp. 727, 746.) John Seccombe of Granville, Washington County, New York State, with his wife, Sarah, sold for

seven pounds to Amos Melvin, one-third part of Seccombe's Island, which one-third part had been given to John by his late deceased father, Rev. John Seccombe, in his will. (*Ibid*, Vol. 5, p. 455.) In 1805, Amos Melvin bought sixty acres of land in Chester; in 1810, one half part of a saw mill on "Rowling Down" and on April 22, 1811, Amos Melvin with his wife, Dorothy, sold for six hundred and sixty-six pounds to John Adams Acker, several parcels of land, namely, Lots No. 6, No. 7, on Middle river, Lot No. 1, of one hundred acres, with all the houses, barns and out housings, two-thirds of Seccombe's Island, one half of the saw mill lot, Lot No. 6, being on the Windsor road. (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, pp. 264, 504.) This most likely marked the period when Amos Melvin intended to remove from Chester. On June 23, 1805, Amos, with his wife, Dorothy, sold for thirty pounds to Willard Houghton, a lot of land which had been bequeathed to them by their late deceased father, James Webber. (*Ibid*, Vol. 7, p. 122.) The heirs of James Webber were: Abraham Whitman, wife Hannah, James and Catharine Swallow, Willard and Susannah Houghton, David Webber and Amos and Dorothy Melvin.

Some time after this Amos Melvin removed to Hammond Plains, County Halifax, Nova Scotia. His will was drawn March 5, 1829. In that instrument he mentions his wife, Dorothy, and his children, Harriet Mixner, son James Melvin, daughter Sarah Wamholt, daughter Hannah Thomson, Naomi Thomson, Dorothy Bezanson, Amos, daughters Caroline, Isabella, Emily, and appoints his sons-in-law, James Mixner and James Thompson as administrators. This will was presented at the Probate Court in Halifax on April 29, 1829.

Amos and Dorothy (Webber) Melvin had children:

- 243. i. Harriet,^s born in Chester, April 2, 1797.
- 244. ii. James, born October 24, 1798.
- 245. iii. Sarah, born August 18, 1801.

- 246. iv. Hannah, born May 16, 1803.
- 247. v. Naomi.
- 248. vi. Elisha.
- 249. vii. Dorothy.
- 250. viii. Amos, junior.
- 251. ix. Caroline.
- 252. x. Isabella.
- 253. xi. Emily.

94. JACOB⁴ MELVIN, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David,* John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, December 1, 1774. On March 14, 1796, Jacob Melvin, yeoman, of Chester, sold for three pounds, ten shillings, to Daniel McKinnon, Lot No. 22, on Oak Island (Lunenburg County Deeds, vol. 4, p. 140, 170). On April, 1813, Jacob Melvin, with his wife Mary, sold for ninety-five pounds to Jacob Broom the land which had fallen to him as "an heir to my father, Robert Melvin" which was his proportion of the estate, namely twenty acres of land that crossed the Point from shore to shore, together with a barn, blacksmith's shop, and one share in his father's late dwelling house, that "my said father, Robert Melvin built for himself." (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, pp. 345, 773.)

On June 12, 1812, Jacob Melvin, with his wife, joined with the other heirs of Thomas Floyd in the settlement of their late deceased father, Thomas Floyd's estate. By this same deed, we learn that three of the sons of Lieutenant Robert Melvin married three of the daughters of Thomas Floyd. On October 9, 1828, Abigail Melvin, Mary Melvin with her husband, Jacob Melvin, Ann Smith, Miriam and Henry Lantz, Rachel Brothers, with her husband, Richard Brothers, they of Falmouth, Nova Scotia, joined in signing a deed for the support of their mother, in which deed they renounce all claim to any rights in the estate of their late deceased brother, Thomas Floyd (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, pp. 414, 554). On January 9, 1857, the will of Jacob Melvin, mariner, late of Bedford Basin, Nova Scotia,

whither this same Jacob Melvin had removed several years previously, was written. In it he mentioned his son, Eleazer, grandson Isaac Melvin and gave them all his property at Bedford Basin, consisting of three hundred and fifty acres of land, mentions land occupied by his brother, Amos Melvin's widow, and bequeaths to his daughters, Ann Smith, Sophia Norton, Mary Ann Hartley, Rachel Russell, Hannah Coosely. Jacob Melvin married, in Chester, Mary Floyd, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Floyd and a sister of the wives of his brothers, David and Robert.

Jacob and Mary Melvin had children, born in Chester:

- 254. i. Mary,^{*} born February 6, 1797. — *d*
- 255. ii. Lucy, born October 18, 1798.
- 256. iii. Hannah, born December 2, 1800.
- 257. iv. Elijah, born January 20, 1803.
- 258. v. Eliza, born December 5, 1806.
- 259. vi. Sophia, born April 6, 1808.
- 260. vii. Amos, born July 27, 1810.
- 261. viii. Rachel, born January 10, 1813.
- 262. ix. Isaac, born February 25, 1815.
- 263. x. Ann, born March 16, 1816.

95. ROBERT⁴ MELVIN, junior, son of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, Nova Scotia, April 25, 1777. April 21, 1800, Robert Melvin, yeoman, sold for twenty-four pounds to his brother, Nathaniel Melvin, one seventh part of the estate of his late deceased father, Robert Melvin, on Chester Lot No. 18, on the Windsor road, of one hundred acres. (Lunenburg County Deeds, Vol. 5, p. 341). May 23, 1798, Robert Melvin sold for six pounds his part of Oak Island in Malone Bay, Lot No. 8, of eight acres, to Samuel Ball (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, p. 26, 54). October 9, 1809, George and Hannah Broom, Robert and Susannah Melvin, of the Parish of St. Martin's, County St. John's,

New Brunswick, sold for seventy-six pounds "to our mother, Mary Floyd, all our rights in the estate of our late deceased father, Thomas Floyd." (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, p. 365.)

Robert Melvin married, probably in Chester, in 1802, Susannah Floyd, daughter of Thomas and Mary, possibly (Bradshaw) Floyd. He died in 1862.

They had children, born in St. Martin's, New Brunswick:

- 264. i. Elijah,⁸ born 1803; d. y.
- 265. ii. Thomas, born 1805; d. y.
- 266. iii. David, born 1807; married Rachel Berry.
- 267. iv. Jacob, born 1809; married Mary Ann Sharpe.
- 268. v. Susannah, born 1811; d. unm.
- 269. vi. Robert, born 1814; d. unm.
- 270. vii. (Captain) Amos, born 1816; married Isabella Townes.
- 271. viii. Isaac, born 1817; married Sarah Brown.
- 272. ix. Joseph, born 1819; d. unm.
- 273. x. Hannah, born 1822; married Hector MacInnis.

96. LUCY⁴ MELVIN, a daughter of Lieutenant Robert³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Phebe (Wilson) Melvin, was born in Chester, October 8, 1780, the youngest of this large family and, seemingly, the only daughter by this second marriage who attained adult years. She married Richard Houghton, and his brother, Willard Houghton, married Susannah Weber, a sister of the wife of Amos Melvin, thus creating a very close set of family ties. The Houghtons were from a very prominent family which was early settled in Lancaster, Mass., and had been resident in that part of Lancaster which was set off as the town of Harvard. When Rev. John Seccombe started for Nova Scotia, Timothy Houghton, then styled captain, accompanied by his wife and three children, signing as lately a resident of Bolton, Worcester County, Mass., made a part of the small company that started the new

settlement. With him was John Houghton, from Bolton. On July 22, 1815, Levi Houghton of Harvard, Mass., who had received a power of attorney from Philemon and Ann (Houghton) Priest of Harvard, sold for thirty-eight pounds to James Smith of Chester, Lot No. 7, in Timothy Houghton's grant, of one hundred acres of land, by the authority to sell this grant which fell as heirship, to the said Philemon and Anna (Houghton) Priest. (*Ibid*, Vol. 6, pp. 216, 541.) On April 5, 1816, Richard and Lucy (Melvin) Houghton, sold for sixty-one pounds to David Melvin, the north half part of Lot No. 6, on Houghton's Neck, or grant, which was on the east side of the Windsor road, consisting of fifty acres of land. (*Ibid*, Vol. 8, p. 213.) After this, the farm formerly owned by Levi Houghton, which was a part of the original Houghton grant, became the town school house and this original grant was bounded in part by the grant of the Webbers.

98. SAMUEL⁴ MELVIN, son of David³ (*Captain David*,^a *John*¹) and Abigail (Davis) Melvin, was born in Concord, April 25, 1754. That he, like all the Melvins, was ready and eager to serve his country at time of great need, we learn from the returns of the Pension office at Washington, D. C., from which we received the following: "This soldier served six months in Captain Brown's company, Colonel Robinson's regiment, Rhode Island Line, in the year 1777." (This is the application of his widow for a pension.) "They were married June 22d, in Concord, Mass. Her maiden name was Sarah Davis. They had a daughter named Sarah Wilkins. He died in Concord, September 1, 1825. A pension was granted to his widow." As is thus stated, Samuel Melvin married, June 22, 1786, Sarah Davis, a daughter of Nehemiah and Dorothy Davis, who was born in Concord, December 10, 1759, died there July 3, 1844.

They had children (not a full record):

- 274. i. Samuel,^a junior, born in 1786-7.
- 275. ii. Sally; married in concord, May 11, 1815, Luther Wilkins, who died in Concord. "Luther Wilkins husband of Sally his wife" November 3, 1820, Aet. 33.
- 276. iii. Asa, born August 11, 1804.

105. BETTY⁴ MELVIN, daughter of Ephraim³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Hannah (Russell) Melvin, was born in Concord, February 14, 1762. She married, probably in Concord, Ebenezer Giles, son of Ebenezer and Esther Giles of Townsend, Middlesex County, Mass., who was born there August 14, 1759. He enlisted in the army when but eighteen years old and served in Rhode Island from July 1, to December 18, 1777. On August 1, 1777, his name was on the list of men under Colonel John Robinson who served for six months, he then twenty years of age and enlisted in the Continental Army. While in service near New York city he was wounded, taken prisoner and sent to the famous Sugar House.

Some years after, he removed to Pawlet, Vermont. On the death of his first wife, Betty Melvin, he married, again in Concord, September 8, 1791, Abigail Clark of Concord; he died in Pawlet in 1838, at the age of 78 years. There were several children by the first wife, but the only one who has any mention is Ephraim, who settled first in western New York, then "removed farther west."

106. ETHAN⁴ MELVIN, son of Ephraim³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Hannah (Russell) Melvin, was born in Concord, August 17, 1764. He evidently resided in Sharon, New Hampshire, which was first called Peterborough Slip, as is shown by a deed dated November 19, 1793, from the children of Ephraim

Melvin, when they settle the estate of their deceased father, which was situated in the town of Sharon; in this deed Ethan (also given Ethon) Melvin signs in Sharon and states that as his dwelling place. He may have been married while in Sharon. He enlisted for the war of 1812, and "died in the army" (town records), February 20, 1813, aged 47 years; his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Melvin, died in Concord, Mass., January 28, 1810, aged 36 years.

They had children:

- 277. i. Ephraim Russell,⁸ born December 24, 1791.
- 278. ii. Elizabeth Stratton, born November 4, 179— (not in print).
- 279. iii. Mary-Dudley, born June 30, 1796.
- 280. iv. John-Bancroft, born December 10, 1798.
- 281. v. Lucy-Rebecca, born January 14, 1800.

107. JACOB⁴ MELVIN, son of Ephraim³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Hannah (Russell) Melvin, was born October 3, 1765. He married in Concord, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Ezra Ripley, January 8, 1789, Sarah Dexter of Acton, who was born in 1769, died in Concord, November 28, 1815, aged 46 years; he married (2), also in Concord, February 14, 1819, Mrs. Mary Kathrens, probably the widow of Robert Kathrens as Robert Cathrens (properly Kathrens of Boston) married in Concord, July 7, 1799, Mary Meriam of Concord and "Robert Kathrens, husband of Mary Kathrens," died in Concord, August 24, 1814, aged 44 years, 6 months and 3 days. Jacob Melvin died March 14, 1837, aged 70 years.

There is only one child on record on the town books, namely:

- 282. i. Mary,⁵ born in 1793; died January, 1826, aged 33 years,

and, by the second wife was:

- 283. ii. Caroline, born September 14, 1820. married *Gilman B.*

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108. HANNAH⁴ MELVIN, a daughter of Ephraim³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Hannah (Russell) Melvin, was born in Concord, Mass., November 15, 1769. She married in Dummerstown, Vermont, on May 30, 1793, her cousin, James Laughton, a son of Samuel and Susannah (Melvin) Laughton, who was born in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass., July 2, 1766. After their marriage they removed to Newfane, Vermont, and thence to Hadley, New York state, where he died December 28, 1828; she died there, April 14, 1857.

They had children:

- 284. i. Roswell Laughton,^{*} born in Dummerstown, June 16 (26), 1795.
- 285. ii. Hannah Laughton, born in Newfane, February 25, 1798.
- 286. iii. Amos Laughton, born in Newfane, September 29, 1800.
- 287. iv. James Laughton; died in Hadley, New York, February 22, 1873.
- 288. v. Olive Laughton, time and place of birth not known.

111. LUCY⁴ MELVIN, daughter of Jacob³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Esther (Parlin) Melvin, was born in Concord, November 13, 1757. She married Samuel Buffington, and they were residing in Worthington when she received her portion of her deceased father's estate. She did not have any children.

112. PERSIS⁴ MELVIN, daughter of Jacob³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Esther (Parlin) Melvin, was born in Concord, February 15, 1759. When her parents removed to Cummington she was but a child. On March 8, 1825, she sold for two hundred dollars, to her brother, Reuben Melvin, all her rights in the estate of her late deceased father, namely, the homestead farm on which he had died. This piece of land was

bounded by that assigned as her sister Molly's share and by the thirds of their mother, and consisted of twelve acres, that being her part of the property. She married, probably in Cummington, at a date unknown, Jonathan Knapp, a son of Jonathan and Abia Knapp, who is reported by a living descendant as "supposed to have been born in Easton, Bristol County, Mass."

They had children, born in Cummington:

- 289. i. Jacob Knapp,⁶ born May 31, 1781; died October 3, 1847.
- 290. ii. William Knapp, born April 15, 1783; died July 15, 1853.
- 291. iii. Jonathan Knapp, born July 20, 1785; died November 27, 1849.
- 292. iv. Lucy Knapp, born October 15, 1787; died May 15, 1871.
- 293. v. Louisa Knapp, born April 19, 1790; died June 3, 1838.
- 294. vi. Fordyce Knapp, born February 18, 1792; died in 1795.
- 295. vii. Shepherd Knapp, born January 7, 1795; died February 22, 1875.
- 296. viii. Fordyce Melvin Knapp, born December 26, 1802; died February

113. REUBEN⁴ MELVIN, son of Jacob³ (*Captain David,² John¹*) and Esther (Parlin) Melvin, was born in Concord, November 12, 1760. His home was in one of the finest towns in western Massachusetts, the birth place and long time residence of the poet, William Cullen Bryant. This town, Cummington, lies in the river valley with great hills sent off from the Green Mountain range rolling up on every side of the cup-like hollow in which the village houses stand. To a visitor in the gorgeous month of October, the lovely town shows one gleam of golden-green splendor with the thick woods of tall maple trees dressed in their richest coloring, shedding their

brilliant leaves so lavishly that the air is full of them as they poise like birds, or drift in whirls down on the fields and hills and roads, changing them to a mass of burning gold, while through the air is sifted that golden dust that bewitches the senses. All along the river bed, the grasses swing in changing tints heated to intense life by the low slanting sunbeams shining through the thinning leafage, the long arrows tempered by the late season. From this beautiful home, Reuben Melvin marched when he was but a lad of seventeen, in Captain Nathan Harwod's company, under Colonel Dickinson, on the Alarm at Bennington as far as Manchester to join the forces under Colonel Warner; there he served from July 19 to July 31, 1777. On August 17, 1777, he again enlisted in Captain Willard's company, in a Hampshire, Mass., regiment and served until August 22, 1777. This seems to mark the end of his military life. As, in 1787, he was appointed, at a town meeting in Cummington, as a surveyor of the town highways, to which office he was again elected in 1788. He was one of the town surveyors of lumber in 1801, 1802, 1804. The last town tax paid by him was in 1825.

Reuben Melvin married, in Cummington, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Joseph Spalding, on December 20, 1790, Achsah Smith of Worthington, the adjoining town. She was a daughter of Enos and Kezia (Browne) Smith, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island, October 15, 1766. Later her parents removed to Butternuts, in the northern part of New York state.

They had children, born in Cummington:

297. i. Addison,^{*} born October 25, 1791; died in Charleston, S. C., unm., September 1, 1817.
298. ii. Alonzo, born October 2, 1794.
299. iii. Austip, born March 20, 1798.
300. iv. Keziah, born February 20, 1801; died at Chester, Ohio, July 15, 1832.
301. v. Achsah, born August 30, 1804; died August 20, 1807.

302. vi. Lucia Maria, born March 3, 1807.
303. vii. Achsah Smith, born July 15, 1810.

114. MOLLY⁴ MELVIN, daughter of Jacob³ (*Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Esther (Parlin, junior) Melvin, was born either in Concord or in Cummington, but it is not known definitely. She married Solomon Hayward from Windsor, Mass., in 1825, at which time her father's estate was divided among his heirs; her residence was given as in Manchester, Ontario County, New York, but a near relative states that she, for a long time, lived in her husband's birth place and died there, but the dates are not given.

Solomon and Molly Hayward had children:

304. i. Molly Hayward.⁵
305. ii. Esther Hayward, who married Mr. Comstock and resided in Lockport, New York.

142. BENJAMIN⁴ MELVIN, son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin*,² *John*¹) and Mary (Marshall) Melvin, was born in Hudson, New Hampshire, in 1753. He resided in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Mass. On January 1, 1781, with his wife, Joanna, both of Chelmsford, he sold a lot of land lying in Bradford, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, which had formerly belonged to her late deceased father, Thomas Fletcher. (Nashua, New Hampshire, Deeds, Vol. 37, p. 39.) On May 12, 1783, Benjamin Melvin sold for nine pounds to Ebenezer and Benjamin Could, land in Bedford, New Hampshire, Lot No. 5, in the First Range. (*Ibid*, Vol. 37, p. 514.)

Benjamin Melvin married about the year 1775-6, Joanna Fletcher, a daughter of Thomas Fletcher, who was born in Chelmsford, 1756, died there in 1826, aged 70 years; he died there in 1830, aged 77 years.

They had children:

- 306. i. James,^a born March, 1777 ; died young.
- 307. ii. James Fletcher, born March 14, 1779.
- 308. iii. Abiah, born July 1, 1782.
- 309. iv. Benjamin 3d, born June 22, 1786.
- 310. v. Lydia, born August 30, 1788.
- 311. vi. Rhoda, born March 30, 1791.
- 312. vii. Joanna, born March 6, 1793.
- 313. viii. Charles, born February 26, 1795.
- 314. ix. Lucretia, born February 13, 1797.
- 315. x. Dawes, born July 17, 1799.
- 316. xi. Rufus, born August 30, 1801.

144. REUBEN⁴ MELVIN, son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin*,² *John*¹) and Mary (Marshall) Melvin, was born (probably in Nottingham West) February 27, 1765. He resided chiefly in Peterborough, New Hampshire. He married (time not found) Sarah Marshall, who was born September 5, 1765, died in Peterborough, March 18, 1841, aged 75 years; he died there June 6, 1835, aged 67 years.

They had children:

- 317. i. Reuben,^a born October 29, 1794.
- 318. ii. Diocletian, born February 26, 1796 ; married Frances Smith, who died February 25, 1864, aged 57 years; he died July 26, 1816, aged 66 years.
- 319. iii. Sarah, born July 10, 1797; married Alexander Smith.
- 320. iv. Chloe, born March 15, 1799; died November 25, 1815.
- 321. v. Daniel, born June 12, 1800 ; married Harriet Gregg.
- 322. vi. Florenza, born February 25, 1802 ; married Abram Smith.
- 323. vii. Carissa, born December 29, 1804 ; married Thomas Sears.
- 324. viii. Mary, born October 22, 1806 : married Joseph H. Ames.
- 325. ix. Nancy, born February 29, 1811; married John Richey.

145. JOHN⁴ MELVIN, son of Benjamin³ (*Benjamin,² John¹*) and Mary (Marshall) Melvin, was born in Hudson, New Hampshire, according to the report of one of his grandsons. He married in Londonderry, April 20, 1797, Betsey Smith.

They had children, all born in Londonderry, New Hampshire:

- 326. i. Hitty,⁶ born August 27, 1797; married John Woodburn; 10 children.
- 327. ii. Prescott, born January 31, 1799.
- 328. iii. Noise (Noyes?), born April 17, 1801.
- 329. iv. Betsey, born April 21, 1803; married Levi Trask of Peabody, Mass.
- 330. v. John, born June 16, 1805.
- 331. vi. Parker, born November 21, 1807, went to New Mexico; died young.
- 332. vii. Gilman, born March 13, 1810.
- 333. viii. Reuben, born July 7, 1812.
- 334. ix. Sally, born September 10, 1815.

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151. CHARLES⁵ MELVIN, son of Amos⁴ (*John*,³ *Jonathan*,² *John*¹), was born in Concord, November 4, 1784. Eventually he went to Lowell, Mass., where he died in 1846. He married in Concord, by the Rev. Ezra Ripley, December 1, 1814, Betsey Farrar, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Heywood) Farrar, who was born in Concord, 1787, died 1869; he died 1846.

They had children:

- 335. i. Charles,⁶ born September 19, 1815.
- 336. ii. Eliza Ann, born March 20, 1816 (1817).
- 337. iii. Mary Heywood, born April 14, 1819.†
- 338. iv. Eunice, born March 9, 1821.
- 339. v. Maria, born March 10, 1823; married George Kimball; resides in North Woburn, Mass.
- 340. vi. James, born December 20, 1826; married Elizabeth Gates; had Loraine Elizabeth, who married John Alan Hamilton, and Alice Gertrude.
- 341. vii. Sarah, born August 31, 1828; married Isaac Buteau.
- 342. viii. Louisa, born 1832, died 1897.

178. JONATHAN⁵ MELVIN, junior, son of Jonathan⁴ (*Jonathan*,³ *Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Beulah (Leland) Melvin, was born in Conway, Mass., in 1779. He married Clary Castle; they removed to Phelps, New York, and, finally to Manchester, in the same state.

They had children:

- 343. i. Emily,⁶ born in 1800.
- 344. ii. Alanson, born in 1802.
- 345. iii. Sidney, born in 1804.

† Married Ephraim Lacy of Andover. Nov 19, 1841

- 346. iv. Melinda, born in 1806.
- 347. v. Maria, born in 1808.
- 348. vi. Loran, born in 1809.
- 349. vii. Lemuel, born in 1811.
- 350. viii. William, born in 1813.
- 351. ix. Dyer, born in 1814.
- 352. x. Emily, born in 1816.
- 353. xi. Mary, born 1819.
- 354. xii. William, born in 1821.
- 355. xiii. John, born in 1823.

193. WALTER⁵ MELVIN, son of Ebenezer⁴ (*Captain Ebenezer*,³ *Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Joanna (Bailey) Melvin, was born in Groton, New Hampshire, June 9, 1792. He married, they both claiming their residence as in Plymouth, New Hampshire, May 30, 1815, Dorothy Phillips, a daughter of Noah and Dorothy (Clifford) Phillips, who was born in Plymouth, July 12, 1796.

They had children, born in Plymouth:

- 356. i. Fatama,⁶ born August 9, 1817.
- 357. ii. Mary, born August 4, 1820.
- 358. iii. Letitia, born September, 25, 1824.
- 359. iv. Lavinia, born June 23, 1827.
- 360. v. Noah David, born May 19, 1831.
- 361. vi. Sylvester, born March 16, 1834.
- 362. vii. Caroline Maria, born November 19, 1838.

212. HENRY⁵ MELVILLE, son of Josiah,⁴ junior (*Josiah*,³ *Jonathan*,² *John*¹) and Sally (Minot) Melville, was born in Nelson, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, August 27, 1794. He married in 1818, Lydia Whitney, daughter of Josiah and — Whitney of Harvard, Worcester county, Mass., who was born July 6, 1795, died in Nelson, N. H., January 8, 1864; he died there, April 3, 1838.

They had children:

- 363. i. Josiah Henry,* born December 18, 1820; married October 15, 1857, Nancy Nesmith, and had children: i. Henry, born August 25, 1858, of Dartmouth, 1879, A.B., A.M.; of Harvard, LL.B., 1884; captain of Company A, 8th regiment, N. G., N. Y., a lawyer of New York City; the only living descendant of Josiah Melville.
- 364. ii. Sarah, married Dr. Leonard French.
- 365. iii. Anna, married, as the second wife, Dr. Leonard French.
- 366. iv. Caroline, married F. W. Wright of Ashby, Worcester County, Mass.
- 367. v. Mary J., married Rev. S. H. Tolman.

217. JOSIAH⁵ MELVIN, son of Eleazer⁴ (*Lieutenant Robert,³ Captain David,² John¹*) and Sarah (Hartwell) Melvin, date of birth not ascertained. When still a youth, was indentured to "an uncle by marriage," with whom he experienced so much privation and, to him, such injustice, that he soon left the place and sought out work for himself. With Richard Marshall, both of Nottingham West, New Hampshire, he bought a lot of land in Bradford, New Hampshire, in 1794; one of the lots thus purchased was from Edward Beaton Long, wife Mary, then of Bath, England. In 1784, Richard Marshall of Nottingham West, bought a lot in Nottingham West and partly in Litchfield, bordering on the Merrimac river. With his father-in-law, Richard Marshall, he went to Bradford, New Hampshire, where he bought land, built and managed a grist mill. Then he removed "just over the (town) line" into the adjacent town of Warner, where he first purchased the grist and saw mills which had been built there by Lieutenant Hoyt, and managed these so successfully as to become very "well to do," as the country phrase runs. He taught his five sons to become expert millers, and together they amassed a good fortune. By his legal attainments, he acquired the

title of Judge Melvin, by which he was always designated during his latter years. From him, the children could never win aught concerning his royalist father, whose life and deed were so deeply sunken in the son's mind and so covered with the quiet dignity inherent in the early Puritan families of New England, that even the thought of questioning him was unapproachable. Thus it was that his early life was a reserve from which there was no appeal, and therefore much that would be of great interest has been almost lost from the family archives, and what has been obtained is the result of an active dragging together of the bits that dropped out in other members of his line.

Josiah Melvin married, in Nottingham West, April 16, 1795, Esther Marshall, a daughter of Richard Marshall. The Melvin family was quite closely interwoven with the Marshalls. There was one Josiah Marshall who went to Chester, N. S., in the same company with Lieutenant Robert Melvin, with his family, who remained there.

Josiah and Esther (Marshall) Melvin had children, born in Bradford:

- 368. i. Esther,* born October 1, 1795.
- 369. ii. Richard, born October 5, 1797.
- 370. iii. Mary, born December 19, 1799.
- 371. iv. Sarah P., born June 25, 1802.
- 372. v. Hartwell, born August 9, 1805.
- 373. vi. Nathan, born January 15, 1807.
- 374. vii. Susan, born October 4, 1808.
- 375. viii. Lucy, born May 22, 1811.
- 376. ix. Ruth, born November 9, 1815.
- 377. x. John Galusha, born November 6, 1817.
- 378. xi. Weare Tappan, born June 22, 1820.

227. JOHN⁵ MELVIN, son of Nathaniel⁴ (*Lieutenant Robert*,³ *Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Elizabeth (Marvin) Melvin, was born in Chester, Nova Scotia, April 12, 1807. He was but five years of age when his

parents removed to Hammond Plaine, some distance north-east from Halifax, and then almost an unbroken wilderness. Not long after the removal, two of the boys were sent out to collect the stray sheep, which were pastured far from their house. While they were searching, a fierce snow storm set in and they became so bewildered that they lost all trace of the home path. But the lads were equal to the strain. Finding a hollow log lying aside from the track, they crept into it, stuffed the ends with moss and there remained safely sheltered and warmly held while the pitiless storm raged about and over them, and crept out joyously when they at last heard the horns and shouts of the terrified friends who had been hunting for them.

John Melvin married in Hammond Plain in the part now incorporated as English Corners, on February 12, 1838, Martha Thompson, who was born January 15, 1816, died October 8, 1896; he died March 5, 1892.

They had children:

- 379. i. Deborah Elizabeth,⁶ born in Hammond Plain.
- 380. ii. Emma Louise, married Benjamin Thomas.
- 381. iii. Nathaniel George, married Elizabeth Davis.
- 382. iv. Robert James, married Mary Deborah Mason.
- 383. v. Edith Antoinette, died September 15, 1859.

274. SAMUEL⁵ MELVIN, junior, son of Samuel⁴ (*David,³ Captain David,² John¹*) and Abigail (Davis) Melvin, was born in Concord, 1786-7. He married there, by the Rev. Ezra Ripley, April 20, 1813, Rebecca Farwell, a daughter of Joseph and Levina Farwell, who was born in Concord, April 12, 1791. He died in Concord, September 11, 1839, aged 53 years.

They had children:

- 384. i. George,⁶ born November 30, 1813.
- 385. ii. Joseph Augustine, born February 28, 1816.
- 386. iii. Nancy Alecia, born December 15, 1817.
- 387. iv. Julia, born August 1, 1819.

*John Marshall
Handscom of Concord
April 11, 1843*

388. v. Mary Lovina, born March 3, 1830. - *d March 30, 183*
 389. vi. Eliza Lovina, born October 21, 1832.

276. ASA⁵ MELVIN, son of Samuel⁴ (*David*,³ *Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Sarah (Davis) Melvin, was born in Concord, August 11, 1804. He married, intention published in Concord, December 15, 1832, Caroline Heald of Carlisle district.

They had children:

390. i. Asa Heald,* born September 6, 1834.
 391. ii. Caroline, born January 16, 1836; married Mr. J. H. Conant; resides in Watertown, Mass.
 392. iii. Mary, born May 12, 1838; married Mr. G. H. Robbins.
 393. iv. John Heald, born July 27, 1841; unm.
 394. v. Samuel, born April 7, 1844; died in Andersonville Prison.
 395. vi. James Crombie, born April 7, 1848; married Clara Wilbur.

285. HANNAH⁵ LAUGHTON, a daughter of James⁴ and Hannah (Melvin) (*Ephraim*,³ *Captain David*,² *John*¹) Laughton, was born in Newfane, Vermont, on February 25, 1798. She married in Vernon, Vermont, on May 20, 1818, Moses Perry, a son of Noah and Anna (Holbrook) Perry, who was born in Mendon, Mass., August 8, 1780, died in Clarksville, New Hampshire, September 18, 1872.

They had children:

396. Louisa Perry⁴ (Moses, Noah, Oliver, Thomas, Samuel, John Perry of Roxbury, Mass., whom the Rev. John Eliot called "cousin Perrie"), who was born in South Vernon, Vermont, on June 11, 1819; married in South Vernon, July 4, 1844, Israel Matthews, a son of Joshua Stevens and Mary (Whittaker) Mathes,*

* The name of Mathes is the form adopted by some of the descendants of the early immigrants, Francis and Thomasine Matthews, who were members of the Mason Colony, in 1631, through their son, Benjamin Matthews of Durham, New Hampshire. The descendants of one son, Walter Matthews, retained the spelling, Matthews, while the other branch wrote it as Matthews, Mathews, Matthes, Mathes.

who was born in Columbia, New Hampshire, July 4, 1820, died in Haverhill, Mass., April 13, 1886; she died in Skowhegan, Maine, April 22, 1868. Their children were: 1. Joshua Stevens Matthews; 2. Harriet Louise Matthews; 3. Don Castro Matthews; 4. Caddie Eva Matthews; 5. America Matthews.

Harriet Louise Matthews is now assistant in the Lynn, Mass., Public Library and a "Club Woman."

298. ALONZO⁵ MELVIN, son of Reuben⁴ (*Jacob*,³ *Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Achsah (Smith) Melvin, was born in Cummington, Mass., October 2, 1794. He married, in Chester, Ohio, November 27, 1824, Roxana Lyman, a daughter of Azariah and Rhoda (Rust) Lyman, who was born September 9, 1804.

They had children, born in Chester, Ohio:

- 397. i. Fidelia Maria,⁶ born August 3, 1826.
- 398. ii. Martha Maria, born May 24, 1827.
- 399. iii. Addison Smith, born September 29, 1829.
- 400. iv. Shepard Knapp, born August 13, 1830.
- 401. v. Fordyce Rust, born July 23, 1832.
- 402. vi. Sarah Elizabeth, born August 24, 1834.
- 403. vii. Reuben Lyman, born October 12, 1836.
- 404. viii. Elihu Oliver, born July 27, 1838.
- 405. ix. Dunton Taylor, born October 23, 1840.
- 406. x. Alonzo Austin, born August 10, 1842.
- 407. xi. Roenna Coysilder, born September 3, 1844.
- 408. xii. Edward Payson, born October 21, 1846.
- 409. xiii. Henry Martyn, born September 17, 1850.

299. AUSTIN⁵ MELVIN, son of Reuben⁴ (*Jacob*,³ *Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Achsah (Smith) Melvin, was born in Cummington, Berkshire County, Mass., March 20, 1798. In his nineteenth year he started to "seek his fortune" in Charleston, South Carolina, and remained there until the death of his brother, Addison, when he returned to Cummington, but did not tarry long, and again started forth, this time for New York

City, where he remained until his final settlement in Brooklyn, N. Y.

He married, February 9, 1825, Mrs. Martha Chichester. He died in Brooklyn, October 9, 1863. The committee of his fellow merchants which was called upon to act on the intelligence of the sad event framed the following "Memorial," which is here given in full as a testimonial to his worth and strength of character.

PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO THE DEATH OF
AUSTIN MELVIN.

"THE following report of proceedings, from the *Shoe and Leather Reporter* of October 15th, 1863, will indicate the action of the leather trade :—

AUSTIN MELVIN is dead. This announcement was made on Saturday morning last, and cast a gloom over a business circle which has known but to honor this really good man for more than forty years.

The trade was convened at the office of Messrs. Geo. Palan & Co. on Monday, when the following proceedings were had:

Mr. Loring Andrews was called to the chair, and Mr. Chas. B. Platt was appointed Secretary. The Chairman, in a feeling and appropriate manner, announced to the trade the object of the meeting. After further brief addresses, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, We are called upon to mourn the loss by death of our late associate and friend, Austin Melvin, and

Whereas, His fidelity and honor, in all his business and social relations, eminently entitle his memory to our affectionate regard, and

Whereas, The customary forms of language through which condolence and grief are expressed, fail to meet the demands of our hearts, or give adequate expression to our feelings, therefore,

Resolved, That our chairman be requested to appoint a member of the trade, whose duty it shall be to collect and present in concise form some of the leading incidents in the social life and business career of the late Austin Melvin, to the end that a life so exemplary and a character so pure may have a record to guide others in like paths of usefulness and honor.

Resolved, That we now close our places of business and attend the funeral of the deceased.

The following letter was addressed to Mr. Fawcett:
New York, Nov. 9th, 1863.

Frederick Fawcett, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—In accordance with the expressed wishes of your friends in the trade, I would request that you collect and furnish for publication, some of the leading incidents in the social life and business career of our late friend and associate, AUSTIN MELVIN, agreeably to the resolution passed at our last meeting. By so doing, you will oblige many of your friends;

Yours respectfully,

LORING ANDREWS, Chairman.

Mr. Fawcett consented and the following Memorial is the result:

THE LATE AUSTIN MELVIN.

To those who have long been familiar with our trade, there seems in it now a sense of incompleteness, a something wanting. In missing the busy, active face of Austin Melvin from those accustomed haunts in which for so many years he had been a central figure, we feel how strong were the ties by which we had become bound to him. The sudden disruption of the mere habit of daily intercourse for ten or twenty or forty years, between men engaged in the same business pursuits would of itself, in any case, cause sorrow; for a mere acquaintance with another for a long term of years, even when such acquaintance may not at all times have been harmonious, creates habits

of thought which become part of our lives, and are not severed without pain and regret. With how much greater regret, with what deeper pain, however, do we mourn for those whose lives, passed harmoniously and fraternally with all men, have become, through long years of social and business intercourse, a kind of necessity to those who knew them well and intimately. When such men are called away a part of each surviving friend dies with them. The object of reverence, of confidence, or of affection is gone; there is nothing left but memory—and that is full of sorrow.

It is a fact that many of the greatest blessings which Providence vouchsafes to men, become tame by habit and their full value is not realized till by calamity or by the course of nature they are lost. It is so with health, with youth and with wealth, it is emphatically true of friends, and most emphatically so of such a man as Austin Melvin. With men of pretension, of domineering habits of thought, and of social life, with men even of brilliant talents, there is almost always in one's sorrow for their departure, a sense that death has levelled all distinctions, or that some thought of injury or of slight has to be buried, with the occasion of it, in that last resting place which covers alike all virtues and all faults.

And indeed it is perhaps a fault with survivors that they often cease to be just in their testimony of the departed. They refuse to see and to take warning from the faults of their friends. But none of these considerations apply to the present case. If to live a long life in active commercial pursuits be neither as brilliant a career as that of the soldier, the statesman, or the man of letters, it requires to live it blamelessly, full as much moral courage. If it makes less noise in the world, it produces, to say the least, fewer mischiefs; in fact, the greatest interests of humanity do not rest so much on the shoulders of men of great genius, as on those who living, not like genius apart from the masses, but every day in communication with and

forming a part of them, make, and are themselves, part of the living, breathing, actual present, that great present which, to all ages, is the only school of preparation for the life to come. Without then claiming extraordinary abilities or profound scholarship for our departed friend, let us inquire how he performed those practical duties of the sphere in which his lot was cast; what his family, his friends, his neighbors, his business associates said of him when living, and what they say of him when dead.

And here we find the testimony to be all in one direction. Apart from the mere companionship of many years, there must have been something remarkable in this man's character so to create an atmosphere of universal liking for him. It is rare that one so busy in life as Mr. Melvin, buying and selling for nearly half a century, dealing for many years as he did in a greater variety of merchandise connected with our trade than any man in it—being thus brought into contact, under the usual stimulus and suspicion which all trade, more or less, engenders, with a greater number and variety of men than any of us, it is rare, we say, to find a case like his where some fault-finding is not heard; yet it seems absolutely the fact that the voice of accusation in his life, and since his death, was and is mute. All traders are liable to disputes, and to charges, which, while of themselves, prove nothing; are when multiplied by many tongues and heard from many quarters, generally considered evidence of unfairness or of extortion. Few there are who even intending to make the golden rule the law of their lives can entirely escape the malice engendered by rivalry, jealousy, want of judgment, and want of success; few also are they who can refrain in all cases from blighting words against others; 'two of a trade,' says the homely proverb, 'never agree.' But Mr. Melvin was never, so far as can be learned, accused, and it is certain that except in cases of well-proved meanness or fraud, he conscientiously abstained from being the

accuser. There must, therefore, in all his life, have been a vast deal of that moral strength which enables men to do right in all cases; and as differences of opinion in matters of trade and contract are inevitable, there must also have been a great deal of that finer sense of justice which does not depend on statutes and legal decisions, and which, in doubtful or obscure cases yields to others, preferring rather to suffer an injustice than to commit one.

Austin Melvin was born in Cummington, in the State of Massachusetts, in the year 1796. His family and that of Mr. Shepherd Knapp, Mr. Melvin's lifelong friend, were relatives and neighbors. Mr. Knapp was born in the same place.

Austin had a brother, Addison, who from about 1810 to 1812, was in the employ of Gideon Lee, leaving him for the purpose of establishing himself in Charleston, S. C., which he did subsequently under the firm of Butler and Melvin.

Austin's first venture upon the sea of active life was in 1815, being then in his 19th year. He went to Charleston and became a clerk under his brother. The journey to Charleston, and the terrors of its climate were in that day sufficient to deter all except the most enterprising from thus hazarding health and life, and though the prizes sought for in the South by the young men of New England were frequently attained, yet the victims who fell by the wayside were also numerous. Addison Melvin was one of these victims. The year 1816 was a deadly one in Charleston for those unacclimated; Addison died, and Austin fleeing from the pestilence, returned after his brother's death to his father's house in Cummington.

Those of us who have been familiar with the restless energy of Mr. Melvin in later days may be sure that the sad rebuff which attended his first essay would not long be allowed to influence him.

In the hide and leather business of New York, at that time the house of Gideon Lee and Co. (then con-

sisting of Gideon Lee and Shepard Knapp), stood at the head. Their business, even at a time when the whole trade was very far from its present colossal and almost national importance, was to an amount which even now would be considered very large, counting as it did by its annual millions. It was not merely, however, for its large and important transactions that this house was celebrated. The energy and enterprise which had raised it from its small beginnings, was coupled with the strictest and most severe sense of honor. No temptation of profit ever caused it to swerve by the breadth of a hair from the most scrupulous integrity. It was one of those houses which are the landmarks of their generation, and which like the Coopers, the Goodhues, the Lorillards, are to be the objects of reverence as they should be of imitation to their successors. Mr. Lee, after having been honored and trusted by his fellow citizens with two of the most important positions in their gift, after a long life of probity and great usefulness, has passed to his last account. Mr. Knapp, though not now connected with our trade, still remains (and we trust will long remain with us), illustrating in other spheres of activity, that excellence of character, which belonged to him and to his former distinguished associate.

It was under the auspices of this excellent house that our friend Melvin was to receive his first business education, and it is but strict justice to say, that during many struggling years, much of prosperity and much of business calamity, he never disgraced either the maxims or the actions of his early friends.

Shortly after his return from Charleston he addressed a letter to Mr. Knapp, telling of his wishes for employment in this city, and asking Mr. Knapp's assistance in obtaining it. He was recommended in reply, 'to come here and let people see how he looked.' Following this advice, he was employed for a short time with the late Mr. Israel Corse, and next by the late Mr. Losee Van Nostrand, but he com-

plained to Mr. Knapp that while he was content to labor, he feared he was not making much progress in a proper knowledge of the business. Those of us whose recollections of the trade go back a quarter of a century or more, know that young beginners without capital engaged as clerks, had not then the broader separation from laborers or porters which prevails of necessity now. Young men, now of the counting-room and ledger, were then expected to perform all the hard drudgery of the store, and it was only those showing some aptitude who managed to get themselves released from physical labor. At Mr. Knapp's suggestion, however, young Melvin was at last taken into the employment of Gideon Lee and Co. His modest salary was three hundred and fifty dollars. Continuing thus for about a year, and showing in steadiness of character and ability for business his fitness for a better position, his friends found him one.

Gideon Lee and Co. at this time owned, together with other property in Ferry Street, a small dwelling house; there is now a store upon the same ground, and it is known as number five. They proposed to their ambitious clerk, to tear out the inside and fit it thus rudely for a small store, which they would stock with the necessary merchandise and let Melvin do the business, in his own name, but really on their account and at his former modest salary. Melvin gladly assented to this and about the year 1818, a sign board, bearing his name, placed him nominally at least, amongst the business men of New York.

This position of trust and honor, accompanied with barely enough compensation to enable him to live with the most rigid economy, was not, however, intended to last. It was, so to speak, the probationary year of his life, wisely placed before him by kind and judicious friends and he bravely stood the test imposed upon him.

After the first year, an account of his past transactions was taken by Mr. Knapp and himself, and it was

found that after deducting salary and all expenses, there was a balance to the credit of Gideon Lee and Co. of about fifteen hundred dollars.

This sum of fifteen hundred dollars was now lent to Mr. Melvin as his capital for future operations, which were no longer to be for the account of Gideon Lee and Co., but for himself. In addition, he was told that they would sell him what he wished to purchase on the usual credit given to their customers; that they would also give him without any charge therefor, their endorsement on his notes whenever his own credit proved insufficient, and they requested him to use that endorsement whenever a favorable difference in price could be obtained by so doing.

It is hardly necessary to say, even at this distance of time, that this arrangement placed the young beginner in the front ranks of his business.

How honorable, however, is this testimony (communicated by one who is fully conversant with the facts) to all parties concerned in it, while on the part of Mr. Melvin it is the first proof of that faculty for inspiring others with confidence which he possessed through life, and never abused—it shows that the high character given to the firm of Gideon Lee and Co. was based on the simple truths of Christian-like facts.

'If,' said one of the firm, in making the offer to Mr. Melvin after his year of trial, 'you can make this money for us you can make it for yourself; go on and prosper.' Perhaps to some the ceasing to hold this young man within the charmed circle of capital and influence for the very honest purpose of sharing gains with him, may not seem quite reconcilable with the severe logic of 'business operations.' Thousands of young men would only have been too eager to embrace a chance less favorable to themselves. However that may be, to do good in this way to others is quite reconcilable with a higher and better logic, that of the heart, and of Christianity.

Under this arrangement, and with Mr. Melvin's zeal and untiring energy, his business went on prosperously for some years. It continued till his capital certainly amounted to sixty thousand dollars, perhaps more, and it was then discontinued.

Subsequently, Mr. Melvin formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. P. Miller, who had been with him as clerk for a year or two previously. Mr. Miller, however, left the concern in 1831, and formed a business connection with the late lamented Jacob Lorillard, and Mr. Melvin then admitted as a partner Mr. Alexander Kimmell, under the firm of A. Melvin & Co. Mr. Kimmell had also been a clerk in Mr. Melvin's employment.

It was during this partnership which, beginning in the full tide of commercial success, seemed likely to bear both to fortune, that the great revulsions of 1837 found the firm with liabilities amounting to half a million of dollars. Their sales in the year 1836 had reached a million. All business was done on credit, and when the disastrous results of overbanking and overtrading, embittered by political animosities and measures of the government—by some considered hostile, by others conservative—but, probably when the fever of speculation was combined with the fury of political rancor, finding few who were calm either to see or endure the truth, when these disastrous results became certain, then, like thousands of other houses, the firm was compelled to suspend payments. This was not done, however, without great struggles and heavy sacrifices. There was no stopping to consider how much it would cost to go through the crisis; it became only a question whether it could be accomplished—solvent as they undoubtedly believed themselves—at the cost of their whole capital. This was found to be impossible; credit, so active and powerful but a few months before, was dead; unemployed capital was barred from use at any price. There was but one remedy—suspension—and that was necessity not choice.

Friends who examined the affairs of A. Melvin and Co. said they could not pay in full, and advised compromise. Mr. Melvin, with his impulse of right, said 'No, time was all he asked for, both for the principal and interest.' It was readily given and principal and interest were paid in full. Here, however, began the great embarrassments which for several years clouded Mr. Melvin's life. These embarrassments grew naturally from his character, and require a few brief remarks.

With a great deal of business energy—much more indeed than most men; without any expensive tastes or habits, caring, probably, more for the excitement and constant occupation which business brought him than for wealth—there was a simplicity of thought about him which, knowing no disposition to do wrong, could see no wrong. He was in feeling as to others what he no doubt felt himself to be. As a merchant, overconfidence was his bane. To refuse credit under circumstances which others would think doubtful, was to him impossible. A great love of money would probably have corrected this, without, however, making him a better man.

This confidence in others was liberally reciprocated by others. Even at the time of his suspension, his creditors had the fullest and most unlimited confidence in him. He always inspired it. His business never stopped; new operations, before the old affairs were closed, were never refused him by his friends. All that was necessary was his word that all would be right. But in the assets of the firm were large amounts of paper of other houses (in many cases injudiciously large). This, like his own, was under renewal, but he could not be brought to see the risk and danger of it.

Meantime the process through the country of renewing in all cases where houses were supposed to be solvent was going on. The evil day was postponed; but another process was also going on; people were

very gradually but very surely awaking from the dream of prosperity, which had converted the farm into imaginary building lots, and the prairie into ideal cities.

Values began to fall; obligations based on them proved worthless; and thus, though the old obligations were paid, the new ones, from the continual falling in value of the promises of others, became new sources of embarrassment. The struggle was a long one; but it had the usual termination, the firm became insolvent.

Mr. Melvin had borne success meekly, without ostentation, and with a very remarkable economy of personal expenditure, arising, however, probably not so much from any desire to save or economize, though something of the latter may have been the wholesome fruit of his year of probation, as from the almost primitive simplicity of his tastes and habits and the absence of almost all mere conventionality.

The point of personal expenditure, however, though he was almost unconscious of it himself, and certainly never prided himself on it, or alluded to it in any way, was one for which no reproach could be cast upon him, but having borne success without pride, having faith against all the hopes of his friends in the soundness of securities received after confidential explanations with men less scrupulous than himself, he was at last to be aroused to the truth, to find his cherished securities not worth the paper on which they were written, his confidence betrayed, his capital sunk and his firm hopelessly bankrupt. But this struggle lasted for years, and at last, the (to him) distasteful idea of compromise became all that, in justice to others, he could now consider.

Now let us see how he bore adversity.

Whatever may be the practice, there can theoretically be little difference of opinion as to what is right in cases of failure in business. It is simply, and in the fewest words, this: "The debtor holds all the property

in his hands in trust for his creditors." It is true the rule is often violated. The debtor seeks to bargain with his creditor, to pay in some cases not as much, but as little as he can. It is also true that creditors are often unreasonable, and the claims of unfortunate debtors are disregarded. It is again true that the man who with his dependent family is suddenly brought down to poverty, may almost be pardoned if in the interest of others he reserves a fund against absolute penury. But the principle remains unalterable. Straight and narrow may be the path, yet there are some men who have the courage to walk in it.

Our departed friend was one of these men.

But in the compromise which he effected there was the same difficulty as before. He could not yet believe in the real worthlessness of a good many of his securities. He could make no allowance favorable to himself for the frauds of this one, and the risks of another. The result was, that in a compromise payable by installments amounting to seventy-five per cent. he agreed to do what was impossible. What also increased the difficulties again to be met, was that his singular hopefulness had again induced him to consent with some who demanded it, to leave in their hands his old obligations, with the condition, that if new ones, based on the compromise were not promptly paid at maturity, the old ones should be held in full against him. This singular sort of agreement, that if a man cannot pay fifty cents we will hold him bound for a dollar, might be an inducement to the rogue to pay fifty cents who could pay the dollar. It had no application whatever to Mr. Melvin's case, but it led to further complications. A number of the compromise notes were paid, but towards the last it became impossible to meet them. With the great majority of the creditors there would still have been no difficulty, but in the shifting assets and liabilities of the failed houses of that day, a man hardly knew who were his creditors. It was enough that after a struggle lasting from 1837 to

1842, since it became impossible to pursue another course, justice to all required an assignment, which was made in that year to Mr. Thomas Smull and Mr. Horace Southmayd. And now the rule of right in such cases was rigidly adhered to. Divesting himself of all, even to the watch in his pocket, he in 1842 at forty-six years of age in the same condition as when a mere youth he had passed his year of probation. He had attained to wealth, and had returned to poverty. Yet he had neither lost friends nor character. The tried and harrassed man of middle age was still as simple and as pure as the boy who had to fly from the Charleston pestilence.

How this, to him, series of crumbling disasters was borne, will scarcely be known. There was always the same cheerful smile, the same apparent interest in all that concerned his friends. As prosperity did not elate, adversity did not to all appearance, unduly depress him. The fall, however, was by no means a small one. As a merchant and business man, his reputation and standing had been very high. He was one of the originators of the Leather Manufacturers Bank; and, before his embarrassments, one of its most influential directors. His business, before 1837, was of a kind, which, for extent and variety, hardly now exists in the trade. He dealt in almost every article known to the hide, leather and shoe departments, the raw material of the coarsest and finest products of the tanner and currier's arts, the article and tools used in preparing them, the finished products in all their great variety. The finished articles, such as boots and shoes, morocco, upper leather, etc., were mostly sent to him for sale; but, on his own account, he was largely interested in tanning and other manufacturing establishments. This business, which had grown up under his own supervision, was no doubt familiar enough to him, but his assignees state they found his various interests in different places very complicated. They also tell of his voluntary assistance in settling

and arranging with other parties in interest, and thus enabling them to concentrate the assets, which would have been difficult, if not impossible, without that assistance. In the dead of winter, they speak of a journey to Ulster County, not to be then performed by rail, in which, in the very height of his troubles, his genial and kindly nature attracted the notice of all. No longer the owner of the property he was looking after, his interest for others was motive enough for his active exertions. A distinguished judge who knew his history and troubles, and who was in company with the party, was surprised at his simple manifestations of vivacity, and remarked that he would give thousands if he could be blessed with so happy and philosophical a disposition.

Mr. Smull says, that among the assets there was a piece of land in Illinois worth about five thousand dollars, which stood in Mr. Melvin's individual name, and of course his wife had at that time her right of dower. When applied to for advice, he directed it to be sold, saying his wife's release should be given, which was accordingly done.

A friend relates the following: About the time of Mr. Melvin's first troubles, and after the arrangement for an extension had been completed, he (the narrator) was in conversation with a prominent merchant, rich beyond all doubt, but who was also getting his payment extended. Mr. Melvin happened to pass, and the other remarked: "There goes a man who is far heavier in debt than I am and not worth near as much, and yet, while he can buy all he wants on credit, I can't get any one to trust me a dollar."

After the assignment, the firm was dissolved, and no less than three parties offered him a business connection as soon as he was ready to accept one. At last he was clear of liability, and he formed a partnership with Mr. Bange, in which he was again tolerably successful. After the termination of this, he became connected with Messrs. Wm. K. and Shepherd F.

Knapp (sons of Mr. Shepherd Knapp). This continued for some years, and Mr. Melvin, at its expiration, was again the possessor of some eighty thousand dollars of capital. After this his business operations were not so extended, though he associated with himself Mr. Danforth, and was considerably interested in tanning operations. Towards the close of his life he was alone in business, and, to some extent, again reposed too much confidence in others. In May last he retired from active business, not, however, from any apparent diminution of vigor, bodily or mentally, for, though fast approaching to three score years and ten, his lithe, tall spare figure shewed no signs of old age, and few not acquainted with him would have guessed his age at more than fifty.

Mr. Melvin was married in 1827 to Mrs. Chichester, who has been dead for many years; he leaves of immediate relations only a brother in Wisconsin and a sister in Ohio. It was on his last visit to these relatives that he probably contracted the seeds of that bilious fever which caused his death. He returned unwell, and within a few days was confined to his bed. It is probable that he felt the end approaching, and he carefully settled all his worldly affairs. He sunk gradually, but retained his faculties, except that of speech, till within a few minutes of the close. His nephew says that, though speechless, at last he knew him; and thus on Friday night, the 9th October, 1863, passed quietly away to a better world, Austin Melvin, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

Mr. Melvin was not a demonstrative man. There was not the slightest touch of affectation or display about him. His interest in things social and political was always keen and honest. Domestic and quiet in his personal habits he greatly won the hearts of all kindred and friends. A great lover of books he had that quietness of demeanor which often distinguishes such men; but if his mind was well stocked he made no parade of it. He was one of the directors of

that very valuable association, the Brooklyn Institute, and took a warm interest in its success. He was a member of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's church, and a sincere and certainly a consistent Christian. His public profession of religion, some years ago, was a matter of remark amongst his business friends, but there was not any perceptible outward alteration. What was there in that to alter? No vanity, or pomp, or display. No rough aggressiveness of temper, no habits inconsistent with the truest morality. The change, if any there was, was spiritual only, and gave no physical sign.

There are those living who speak of Mr. Melvin's kindness of heart, and of his prompt assistance in trouble. Some speak with affection of him as having re-produced to them the kindness shown him at the outset of his life; and those who received their business education in his employment, all bear testimony not merely to his integrity but to his uniform kindness and his disposition to further their advancement. The present representatives in our trade of his many business pupils are Mr. E. T. Brown, Mr. Wm. Bullard and Mr. Joseph Mattison. Others have retired or are now in other cities; and not only from these, but from all the vast numbers brought into business or social relation with him, there comes the same mournful tribute of love and reverence. The record of his life is that of a true and pure-hearted man.

The resolutions adopted at the meeting of the trade desired that some memorial of our friend should be preserved "to the end that a life so exemplary and a character so pure may have a record to guide others in like paths of usefulness and honor."

Trade in its keenness of competition is almost a state of war. Suspicion begets suspicion, passion inspires passion, and too often in the eager pursuit of gain all nobler and better considerations of the true objects of life are either weakened or destroyed. But, on the other hand, all men are susceptible to the influ-

ences of truth and justice and mercy, and if the wrong propagates itself, so does also the right. All honor therefore to those whose busy lives, passed in scenes and pursuits which, though necessary to civilization, are not the most favorable to high moral development, have been able to withstand temptation, to overcome evil and to act upon the golden rule, for surely the good they have done shall bear its fruits in the good deeds of their successors."

302. LUCIA MARIA⁵ MELVIN, daughter of Reuben⁴ and Achsah (Smith) Melvin, was born in Cumming-ton, Mass.

She married, December 13, 1827, Thomas Knight, youngest son of Phineas and Kitty (Sanford) Knight, who was born in Norwich, Mass., January 9, 1800; lived in Cleveland, Ohio, where he died December 22, 1878; she died there, December 6, 1887.

Children:

- 410. i. Austin Melvin⁶ Knight, born in Geauga County, Ohio, September 26, 1829.
- 411. ii. William G. Knight, born in Geauga County, Ohio, February 5, 1833.
- 412. iii. Azariah Lyman Knight, born August 23, 1837.
- 413. iv. Thomas Spencer Knight, born in Chester, Geauga County, Ohio, June 14, 1839.

303. ACHSAH SMITH⁵ MELVIN, daughter of Reuben⁴ (*Jacob*,³ *Captain David*,² *John*¹) and Achsah (Smith) Melvin, was born in Cummington, Mass., July 15, 1810. She married, in Chester, April 15, 1835, Chester Palmer, son of Rev. Urban and Lucy (Ranney) Palmer, who was born in Warren, Litchfield County, Conn., December 13, 1812, died in Willoughby, Ohio, May, 1894; she died in Chester, Ohio, May 7, 1850.

They had children:

- 414. i. Harriet Keziah,⁶ born April 23, 1836.
- 415. ii. Charles Eustice, born June 19, 1838.

- 416. iii. Reuben Melvin, born January 1, 1842.
- 417. iv. Lucy Louise, born March 30, 1843.
- 418. v. Lowell Mason, born March 11, 1845.
- 419. vi. Henry Urban, born February 26, 1849.

307. JAMES⁵ MELVIN, son of Benjamin⁴ (*Benjamin*,³ *John*²) and Joanna (Fletcher) Melvin, was born in Chelmsford, Mass., August 31, 1777. He was a farmer, and removed to Hudson, New Hampshire, about the year 1812. He married in that part of Chelmsford which was later incorporated as Lowell, Mass., February 2, 1806, Susannah Barnett. He died April 8, 1860, aged 82 years, 7 months.

They had children:

- 420. i. John Barnett,⁶ born in Chelmsford, December 26, 1807; married Sarah Morey, and died in Chelmsford, September 10, 1893. Had children: 1. Jerome B. Melvin; 2. Cynthia Melvin; 3. Agnes Barnett Melvin.
- 421. ii. Augustus Aspinwall, born in Chelmsford, December 5, 1809; married Mehitabel Patterson; died in Boston July 21, 1853. Had children: 1. Mary Melvin; 2. Augustus Melvin.
- 422. iii. Orison, born in Chelmsford, November 28, 1811; resided in Lowell; died in Dracut, Mass., in 1864; married Mary Leighton. Had children: 1. Mary F. Melvin; 2. Alonzo L. Melvin.
- 423. iv. William Dinsmore, born in Hudson, May 17, 1815; married Mary Kennedy. 1. a daughter.
- 424. v. Dustin Barrett, born in Hudson, August 27, 1817; resided in Lowell; married Sarah Martin, a widow. 1. Elgin B. Melvin. 2. Eugene B. Melvin.
- 425. vi. Jerome Bonaparte, born in Hudson, August 28, 1819; died there August 31, 1825.
- 426. vii. Charles Granville, born in Hudson, April 9, 1823; died unm.
- 427. viii. Tolford Durham, born in Hudson, November 4, 1821; married Julia Hopkins; he died June 29, 1889. Children: 1. Mary Fuller Melvin; 2. Josephine Maria Melvin. 3. Ellen Barnett Mel-

vin; 4. Tolford Durham Melvin; 5. Jerome Augustus Melvin; 6. Julia Estella Melvin.

412. AZARIAH LYMAN⁵ KNIGHT, son of Thomas⁴ and Lucia Maria (Melvin) Knight, was born in Chester, Geauga County, Ohio, August 23, 1837; resides in New York City, where he married, December 29, 1870, Kate Palen, a daughter of George and Jane (Reed) Palen.

Children:

- 428. i. Jane R.,⁶ born in Englewood, New Jersey, November 16, 1871; married in New York, June 16, 1895, Charles Henry Stuart, and had, Lyman Knight Stuart.
- 429. ii. Marion Knight, born in Orange, New Jersey, January 29, 1874; married in Orange, June 24, 1899, Philip McKim Garrison.
- 430. iii. Grace Arnold Knight, born in Orange, New Jersey, October 19, 1877.

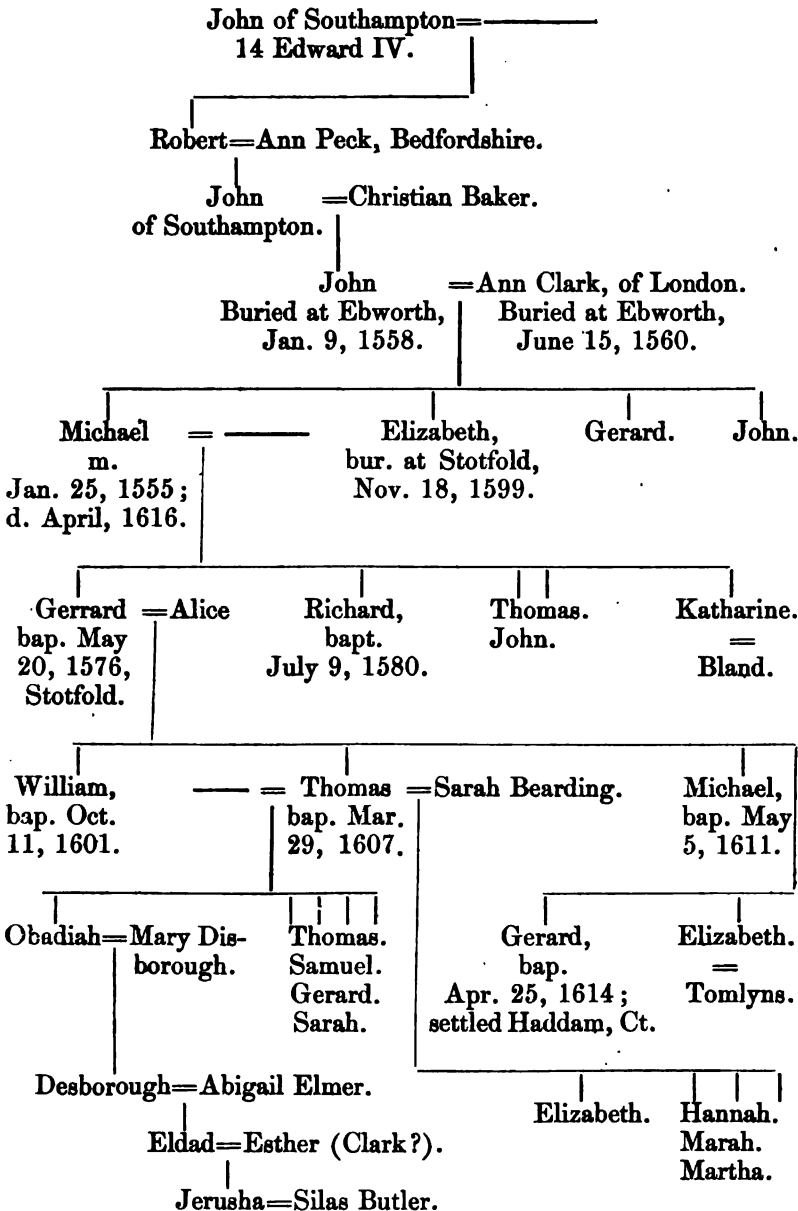
413. THOMAS SPENCER⁵ KNIGHT, son of Thomas⁴ and Lucia Maria (Melvin) Knight, was born in Chester, Geauga County, Ohio, June 14, 1839. He married, January 17, 1872, Mrs. Frances Cochrane Burgess.

They had:

- 431. i. Melvin Streator Knight, who was born August 21, 1873; died November 19, 1887.

SPENCER LINE.

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Compiled from Church Records of Ebworth and Stotfold, Wills, Chancery Calendar, Conveyances, Hartford Church Records, etc.

THE SPENCER LINE.

THE earliest founders of the American families of this name are traced by the following will, sent from England by Mr. Henry F. Waters:

"Richard Spencer of London, gen^t, 17 March, 1645, with a codicil bearing date 29 May 1646, proved 8 June 1646. To Thomas Spencer, son of my brother Thomas Spencer, all my copyhold lands and tenements by me purchased of the creditors of Walter Marston, situate in Kingsbury Street near St. Albans in the co. of Hertford, in the parish of St. Michael. To Daniel Spencer, of London, grocer, son of my brother John Spencer deceased, all those eight messuages or tenements, etc., lately by me purchased of John Gearing, grocer, from and after the death of Margaret Greene of London, widow, situate in the parish of St. Margaret Lothbury in London. To Sarah Bland and Hannah Bland, daughters of my sister Katherine Bland deceased, and to Elizabeth Tomlyns, widow, daughter of my brother Jarrard Spencer deceased, my messuage or tenement situate in Grace Church Street, near the great Inn called the Crosse Keys, late on the tenure of William Toone or his assigns, to be equally divided between them, by the rents, issues and profits thereof during their natural lives. And after the decease of the said Elizabeth Tomlyns and Hanna then I give and devise the said messuage and tenement unto the said Sarah Bland and her heirs forever. To the said Daniel Spencer all my lands and tenements in the counties of Kent and Essex, he to pay unto Anthony Spencer and Jarrard Spencer, sons of my brother Thomas Spencer deceased, and unto the two children of Margaret Spencer deceased now in or near London and at the disposing of Elizabeth Carter their aunt, the sum of thirty pounds yearly during their natural lives, *i. e.* ten pounds per annum to the said two children or their guardians in their minorities, or the survivor of them, and ten pounds apiece to the said Anthony Spencer and Jarrard Spencer, to be paid unto them and their

guardians by half yearly payments as the rents of said lands and tenements shall grow due after my decease.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Jarrard Spencer, Thomas Spencer, Michael Spencer, sons of my brother Jarrard Spencer deceased, the sum of fifty pounds apiece, and unto the children of William Spencer, son of my said brother Jarrard Spencer deceased, to be divided between them equally, the sum of fifty pounds to be paid unto their guardians, and within two years after my decease.

To Thomas Martyn and Mary his wife, now dwelling with me, the remaining term to come in my dwelling house and the hangings and pictures in the rooms thereof, with all partitions in the upper rooms of it or elsewhere. To Edward Terry, vintner, my kinsman, one hundred and thirty pounds which he oweth me, by bond. And I bequeath unto him and Elizabeth his wife, my sister's daughter, thirty pounds, within three years, etc. The rest to Daniel Spencer whom I make and ordain sole executor."

To this will, Mr. Waters appends:

"In the June Term of Essex Co. Court (Salem) 1671, in a trial of the case of John Ruck, Administrator, *versus* Joseph Armitage, the following paper was put:

Boston in New England y^e 19 Jan'y 1648.

Att thirty dayes sight of this my seacond bill of exchange (my first & third of the same tenour & date not being payed) pray unto Mr. Thomas Ruck, haberdasher, att the Seauen Starres on London Bridge, or to his assignes, the some of thirty pounds sterly & is part of the Legacy gyuen mee by my Unckle Richard Spencer & the payement hereof shalbee your discharge for soe much at day, pray you make gud payement and place it to acco: I say pay £30:00:00.

(Signed) MICHAEL SPENCER.

The dyrection is—To my Louinge Cousen Mr. Danyell Spenser Grocer in Friday Streete in London.

This bill was protested by Joshua Mainett, Notary and Tabellion publick of London, who reported that 'the said Danyell Spenser answered that hee will pay noe moneyes nor haue to doe with the say^d bill of exchange.'

I find that Michael and Jarrard Spencer were both at Lynn for awhile, and that Timothy Tomlin owned land next to the latter."—HENRY F. WATERS.

In the Proprietors' Records of the town of Cambridge, Middlesex County, Mass., is a grant to Thomas Spencer, of a house lot, by that of William Spencer, May 1, 1635, who received a message "hard by." Timothy Tomlyns held ten acres: Garrard Spencer ten; Michael Spencer held about four acres on October 10, 1635. This gives us four of the names recorded in the Spencer will, as well as that of Tomlyns, and thus fixed the approximate time and early place of residence of the brothers. For a brief while, Gerrard and Michael Spencer were at Lynn, before migrating to Connecticut, whither Thomas and William had preceded them.

THOMAS SPENCER, the immigrant ancestor of the lines here developed, removed from his first abiding place, Cambridge, to Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, where, in 1639, he owned a house and an acre of land on Centinel Hill. He also owned a lot in the Soldiers' Field, which infers service in the Pequot War, as grants in that Field were made only to those who had been in that fight. March 7, 1649-50, the Court elected him to the rank of Sergeant in the militia. May, 1671, he received a grant of sixty acres for services. November 12, 1672, Thomas Spencer, senior, and Thomas his son, both of Hartford, sold to Captain John Talcott, land given Thomas Spencer, senior, by the General Court.

Thomas Spencer's first wife's name unfound; he married (2) in Hartford, September 11, 1645, Sarah Barding, daughter of Nathaniel Barding; he died in Hartford, September 11, 1687.

Children by first wife:

1. OBADIAH.
2. Thomas, who married Esther Andrews, and settled in Suffield, Conn.
3. Samuel, married December 22, 1680, Hannah Pratt.
4. Gerard.
5. Sarah, married Thomas Huxley.

Children by Sarah Barding:

6. Elizabeth, born March 26, 1648; married Samuel Andrews.
7. Hannah, born April 25, 1653.
8. Marah, born May 18, 1655.
9. Martha, born May 19, 1657.

The last will of Sergeant Thomas Spencer, together with an inventory of his estate, was exhibited in Court.

"I, Thomas Spencer, Senior, of Hartford, being at present in Good & sound understanding, not knowing how soon I may be removed hence by death & finding the shadows of the evening are stretching over me cannot but Judg that council of the prophet very seasonable set thy house in order. I doe therefore make, ordayn & appoynt this following to be my last Will & Testament, hereby makeing Null & voyd all former wills by me made whither by word or writing.

first I Commit my soule to God In Jesus Christ my dear savior & redeemer from whom alone I expect saluation & an Inheritance among the Saincts in Light my body to be decently buried in the Comon burying place.

for that estate God hath blessed me with, I bequeath & dispose of it as followeth—when my Just debts & Funerall expenses are fully satisfied & payd. To my eldest son Obediah, I gue my housing & land in Hartford, all my lands both meadow & upland on the west and east side of connecticut River within the Bounds of the Township of Hartford, to be to him and his heirs & assignes Imedatly after my decease & from thence forever, he paying out such legacies as I shall appoyntt by this my will.

I give unto my sayd son allso one Cupboard, And Irons warming pan, old fann, Ten forecks, peas Hooks, Two Axes & an old Hoe.

I give unto my son Thomas the sum of fifteen pounds, whereof he hath allready received five pounds & Obediah shall pay Ten pounds more to him or his heirs in currant pay, corn or cattell to be payd within Two or Three years after my decease as he shall be able.

I give unto my son Samuel (he haveing received a Good portion of his Unckell) all my wearing apparell of all sorts & kinds.

I give unto my son Jarrad my shop & toles & Twelve pounds all which are in his hands & I have possest him with them allready.

The rest of my moveable estate I give unto my five daughters, Sarah, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary & Martha to be equally divided to them by their Brother my son Jarrad. I doe make my son Obediah Spencer executor of this my last will & Testament that he may have a refuge to repayre unto for advice If any difficulty should befall him in the execution of my will I desire Captain Jn^o Allen, Lt Caleb Stanly & my Cousin Samuel Spencer to be overseers whom I desire to assist my s^d executor wth their best advice as occasion may call for it, finally I leave all my children with the Lord & desire his blessing may be their portion that they may love & serve him & live in love and peace one with another when I shall be gathered to my fathers & for the confirmation of this my will & testament I have hereunto set my hand this 9 of September, 1686.

THOMAS SPENCER.

Witness

John Allyn

Hannah Allyn.

OBADIAH SPENCER, son of Thomas Spencer by the first marriage, was made freeman in Hartford, May 20, 1658, which goes to show that he was born about 1636-7 or about the period of his father's first settlement in Cambridge ; his will reads:—

"In the name of God, amen, the two and twentieth of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Nine, I, Obadiah Spencer, senior, of the Town of Hartford in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, husbandman, being of good, perfect and Sound memory and Understanding, praised be Almighty God therefore, Do make and ordain this my present Will & Testament, containing therein my last Will & Testament in manner and form following. That is to Say First I commit my Self and all my whole Estate to the mercy and protection of Almighty God, being fully persuaded by his holy spirit through the death and passion of Jesus Christ to obtain full pardon and remission of all my Sinns and to inherit Everlasting Life, to which the holy Trinity and Eternall Deity be all Honneur and Glory forever, Amen. And I will and Ordain that all such debts as I shall happen to Owe at my decease shall be well and truly paid by my Executor herein-after named and that the Funerall of my body be only such as shall beseeem a Christian, after the discretion of my said Execu-

tor, and my Said debts which I then shall owe being defalked and my funerall charges deducted, I will that the residue of all and Singular my goods, chattells, Lands and whole Estate be distributed and disposed as followeth—That is to say, I Give, grant devise and bequeath to Obadiah Spencer, my Eldest Sonn all the Homelot with the messuage or Tenements, Outhouses, and appurtenances where he now dwells, scituate and being in Hartford aforesaid (for which I have formerly given him a Deed of Conveyance) and also the southernmost half part of my Lott of Land Commonly called the brick kill Lott lying and being in Hartford afores^d. To have and to Hold the said Homelott, Messuage & appurtenances and the Said half part of the said Brick kill Lot to the said Obediah Spencer my Sonn and his heires forever.

Item, I give, grant, devise and bequeath to Thomas Spencer my Sonn all that my Lott of land in the Meadow on the East side of the great River in Hartford aforesaid with the appurtenances Excepting two Acres thereof, hereinafter given to my Sonn John Spencer, To have and hold the Said Lott of Meadow Land (excepting the said two acres) to the said Thomas my Sonn and his heires forever, he or they paying the sum of Six pounds Lawfull money to my son Disborough Spencer or his heirs within one year after my decease.

Item, I give, grant, devise and bequeath to Samuel Spencer my Sonn, all the Messuage wherein he now dwells, Standing & being on the North or Northward Side of the Homelott whereon I now dwell in the Division of Land usually called the Neck, in Hartford aforesaid. And also the North or Northernmost half part of my Said Home Lott of Land adjoining to the Long-Meadow on the East (Provided always nevertheless, and my Will is that my Sonn John Spencer shall have and Enjoy all that part of my Said Homelott at the West end thereof from the Street or Highway Eastward Six rods in breadth: and from the South side thereof Northwards Nine foot beyond and to the Northward of my Barn to him & his heirs forever). To have and to hold the said Messuage at the Northernmost part of the Said Homelott to the Said Samuel my Sonn and his heirs forever, he or they paying the Summ of Six pounds Lawfull money to my Sonn Desborough Spencer or his heirs within one year after my decease.

Item, I give, grant, devise & bequeath to Ebenezer Spencer my sonn, all that my Lott of land Lying and being in the aforementioned Long Meadow in Hartford aforesaid at a place called Hobs koll (for which I have formerly given him a deed of Con-

veyance) To have and to hold the Said Lott of Land with the Appurtenances, to the Said Ebenezer my Sonn and his heirs forever. Also, I give and bequeath to my said Sonn Ebenezer and his heirs the Sum of three pounds Lawfull money, to be paid to him or his heirs within two years next after my decease by my two Sonns Samuel and John Spencer or their heirs in equal halves.

Item, I give, grant, devise and bequeath to John Spencer my Sonn, all that my Messuage or Tenement wherein I now dwell, and my barn and Outhouses with the Appurtenances. And also all the residue or Southernmost half part of my homelott and Barnyards & Fruit Trees not herein before given to my Sonn Samuel. And also two acres of my Meadow Lott on the East side of the great river in Hartford aforesaid, to be Measured off the Said Lott (taking the whole bredth thereof) from the Highway or path near the Said River, Eastwards so far as it shall extend. To have and To hold the Said Messuage, Outhouses, Southernmost part of the said Homelott and two acres of Meadow Land with their appurtenances to the Said John Spencer, my Sonn and his heirs forever. —Also I give and bequeath to my Said Sonn John Spencer and his heirs, one pair of andirons, one Warming Pan and one Cupboard, which are already in his possession, And I doe also give, grant, devise and bequeath to the said John Spencer my Sonn All my Stock of Cattell and Creatures, Corn Cloathing, Moveable Estate, Lands, goods, Chattels and all my Estate whatsoever not otherwise disposed of in this my last Will and Testament, To be to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to Disboro Spencer my Sonn and his heirs, the Summ of twelve pounds Lawfull money to be paid to him or them by my sonns Thomas & Samuel Spencer or their heirs (within one year next after my decease) in equal halves.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary King and her heirs (besides what she hath already had and received of me) one good Cow and also all my bedding and household stuff and Implements of Household within doors (excepting one pair of Andirons, one Warming pan & one Cupboard given to John as aforesaid) to be paid and delivered to her or her heirs by my Executor hereinafter Named, within six months after my decease. And I do hereby revoke and make void and Null all other Wills & Testaments by me formerly made. And do Constitute, make, Ordain and Appoint my aforesaid Loveing Son John Spencer to be Whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament.

And I do make and Ordain my Loveing Friends Mr. Joseph Talcott and Caleb Stanly, Junior, of Hartford aforesaid Overseers of this my present Testament & last Will.

In Witness whereof I, the Said Obediah Spencer, Senior, have Subscribed this my last Will & Testament with my own hand and thereunto put my Seal, the aforesaid 22d day of June, Anno Domini 1709.

(Signed) OBEDIAH SPENCER.

Caleb Stanley, junior.

Abigail Stanly.

Further my will is That whereas in my will I Gave to my Daughter Mary King Sum things which are there Expressed as a Cow and bedding and other Things, my will is now (That Since God in his loveing pleasure hath Taken her out of this world by death) that my Sonn John Spencer shall have all that I gave her as is there expressed, To him and his heirs forever

witness my hand hereunto set the second of May one Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve.

OBEDIAH SPENCER.

Witness

John Gilbert

John Church

Obadiah Spencer married in Hartford, Mary, daughter of Nicholas Desborough of Hartford.

They had children:

1. Obadiah, born 1666, married Ruth Kelsey.
2. Thomas.
3. Samuel, married Deborah Buckley.
4. Ebenezer, married February 28, 1699, Mary Booth.
5. John, married October 4, 1693, Sarah Smith.
6. DESBOROUGH.
7. Mary, married (Thomas?) King, named in her father's will.

DESBOROUGH SPENCER, son of Obadiah and Mary (Desborough) Spencer, resided in Hartford. He married (1) March 27, 1701, Abigail Elmer, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Elmer of Hartford, who was born in 1679, died February 17, 1725, aged 46 years. He married (2) before February 26, 1730-1, widow Sarah, of John Case, and after that resided on the east side of the great river. His will was:—

"In the name of God, Amen. I Disborough Spencer, of Hartford in the county of Hartford and colony of Connecticut, in New England being of disposing mind and memory but mindfull of my immortality do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following. First and principally I commend my soul to God who gave it in hope of the full & free pardon of all my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my Lord & Redeemer, and my body to a decent and comely burial. Secondly, I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid out of my Estate by my Executor hereafter named. Thirdly I give to wife Sarah Spencer the use and improvement of all my lands and buildings & my moveable estate, for and during the term of her natural life, and I give the moveable part of my estate after the death of my wife: the one third part thereof To my daughter Rachell Trill and to her heirs, and the other two thirds parts thereof to my daughter Anne Benjamin and to her heirs, only it is to be understood and my will is that Jedediah Spencer my son have the liberty of living in & himself to improve the north half part of my dwelling house in the life time of my wife Sarah, if he see cause.

Item. I give to the heirs of my daughter Abigail Slate five shillings to be paid by my Executors & to my daughter Hannah Brooks five shillings to be paid by my Executors.

I give to the heirs of my daughter Damaris Bunham five shillings to be paid by my Executors.

I give to my son Eldad Spencer & to his heirs my meadow land of about one acre and one half my home lot by measure at the west end thereof, that is to say after the death of my wife he to have the possession thereof.

I give to my son Jedediah Spencer & to his heirs the Easterly half part of my home lot with all the buildings thereon standing, that is after the death of my wife to have it and them said Buildings.

And further I do appoint my wife Sarah Spencer & my son Jedediah Spencer to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set to my hand & seal this 4th day of May, 1763.

Desborough Spencer the Subscriber signed, sealed and pronounced and declared the wrighting on this sheet of paper to be his last Will and Testament in presence of

William Pitkin.

Silas Spencer.

Elisha Benjamin.

DISBOROUGH ^{his}(8) SPENCER.
mark

This will was probated December 28, 1763. The inventory was given December 30, 1763, and amounted to £183, 07, 00. Whereby we see that his decease occurred between May 4, when his will was written, and December 28, 1763, the day the will was presented at court.

Desborough and Abigail (Elmer) Spencer had children:

1. Damaris, baptized September 9, 1706; married — Bunham.
2. Charles, baptized April 12, 1708.
3. ELDAD, baptized April 30, 1710.
4. Asabel (Isabel?), baptized June 28, 1712-3.
5. Rachel, baptized May 22, 1714-5; married — Trill.
6. Anne, baptized August 6, 1716; married — Benjamin.
7. Jedediah.
8. Hannah; married — Brooks.
9. Abigail; married — Slate.

(It is possible that Asabel was mis-written for Abigail, since Asabel is not mentioned in this will.)

ELDAD SPENCER, son of Desborough and Abigail (Elmer) Spencer, was born in Hartford, April 30, 1710. On November 28, 1766, Eldad Spencer of Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, sold for sixteen pounds, six shillings and three pence, to Elisha Benjamin of Hartford (one of the witnesses of his father's will) an acre and a half of land lying on the east side of the great river in Hartford, bounded east by land of Jedidiah Spencer, west by that of Joseph Case, north by the highway, south by land of Samuel Woodbridge.

He first settled in Wallingford, New Haven County, Connecticut. December 22, 1743, he sold for twenty-four pounds, to William Davison, his right in the south west corner of Fall Plain, by land of John Stanley and Joseph Tyler, house, barn and land now

in contest between Samuel Tyler, "my attorney" and John Stanley, "it being my house and barn," he then residing in Woodbury. This he bought March 25, 1738, of Samuel Tyler, for eighteen pounds; February 4, 1746, he bought a house, barn and eight acres of land at the north end of Woodbury, of Daniel Mums, junior. May 26, 1749, with the other proprietors of Woodbury, he gave a transfer of twenty-two and a half acres of land west of Kettletown.

His wife, Esther, was a member of the church at Woodbury, February 2, 1752.

Eldad Spencer's will is recorded at Woodbury, and was drawn July 11, 1778:

"In the name of God Amen. I Eldad Spencer of Woodbury in the County of Litchfield and colony of Connecticut New England being of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God therefor, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament. Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into ye hands of God who gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors who are hereafter named not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly substance wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, after my lawful debts are paid, I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following:

Imprimis. I give to my well beloved wife Esther the whole of my household stuff for her use and benefit forever, and also the healf of the rest of my moveable estate and the half of my dwelling house and barn, and the half of my Real Estate to improve and have the use of so long as she shall continue my widow.

Item. I give my beloved son Eldad Spencer all the rest of my Estate both in Woodbury and elsewhere, only it is my will that he should pay to my Daughters, his Sisters, Abigail the wife of Solomon Stoddard, Jerusha the wife of Silas Butler, Esther the wife of William Blakney, Thankfull the wife of Thomas Williams, five pounds lawful money apiece.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Eldad Spencer and my son Solomon Stoddard to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of July, A. D. 1768.*

Signed sealed and delivered by ELDAD SPENCER.
the Testator as his Last Will,
in presence of us
Noah Benedict
Caleb Martin
Elisha Judson.

Probated September 6, 1768.

Eldad Spencer married Esther (Clark?). He died in Woodbury, July 18, 1768.

They had children:

1. Abigail, died in Wallingford, November 1, 1736.
2. Abigail, born in Wallingford, December 24, 1736.
3. JERUSHA, born in Wallingford, October 11, 1738.
4. —.
5. —.
6. Esther, born in Woodbury, February 20, 1744.
7. Thankful, born in Woodbury, August 21, 1745.
8. Charles, born March 18, 1747; died April 7, 1747.
9. Eldad, born December 7, 1748.

JERUSHA SPENCER, daughter of Eldad and Esther (Clark?) Spencer, was born in Wallingford, October 11, 1738. Her father's farm was in the north part of Woodbury, part of which was later incorporated as Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and adjacent to the estate of Malachi, Solomon and Darius Butler. She married in Woodbury, March 15, 1758, Silas, son of Malachi and Jemima (Doggett) Butler.

BUTLER LINE.

THE BUTLER LINE.

1. Nicholas Butler m. Joyce ———.
2. John Butler m. Mary ———.
3. John Butler m. Priscilla Norton.
4. Malachi Butler m. Jemima Doggett.
5. Silas Butler m. Jerusha Spencer.
6. Jerusha Butler m. Julius Ranney.
7. Lucy Ranney m. Urban Palmer.
8. Chester Palmer m. Achsah Smith
Melvin.
9. Lowell Mason Palmer.

On the list of "persons who have taken passage from the town and port of Sandwich for the American Plantations, June, 1637," stands the name of Nicholas Butler, his wife, Joyce, three children and five servants. He was entered on the ship's list as "yeoman," from Eastwell, County Kent. In this same vessel were Edward Johnson, Thomas Starr and many others who became prominent in the new settlements. Nicholas Butler had a grant of land in Dorchester, Mass., in 1637; was made freeman, March 14, 1638-9, was a proprietor in the "great lots" in 1647, was a deputy to the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay, 1651. On the 15th of the 8th month, in the Dorchester book of records, is written:

"Know ye, all Christian people unto whom these presents shall come, that I Nicholas Butler do depute and ordayne my well beloved son John Butler to be my lawful attorney and in my stead to buy and to sell to take and to pay and to sew at the law

to recover Debtes and make discharges and to act in all lawfull actions in as full and ample mann'r as I my selfe cold doe as well in matter of sale of land as in any thinge else.

Witness my hand and seale dated this 15th of the 8 mo: 51.

NL. BUTLER.

Signes sealed and delieured in the psents of vs

Thomas Mayhew senior Philip Taber."

On the 21st day of the second month, 1652, Nicholas Butler, then of Martha's Vineyard "gent" sold to William Ware of Dorchester ten acres of land "in a certajne Inclosure in Roxbury (Mass.) called or knowne by the name of Nichilas Butlers exe pasture, a parcell of twenty five acres within the said Inclosure which he the said Niccolas Butler purchased of John Johnson of Roxbury one side lying next the Country high way that leadeth from Braintrje through Roxbury and so to Boston towards the west or norwest, one end butts vpon the land of Edward Riggs towards the south or Southwest the other end butts vpon an highway aunciently so accounted though neuer in use towards the east or southeast Provided that for and in consideration of such a prise for the said tenn acres of land as betweene them the said Nicholas and willjam ware as is Agreed to be paid by the said william ware or his Assignes vnto the said Nicholas" "That he the said Nicholas and his heires" shall immediately after the date heereof make & sufficiently maintajne halfe the fence betweene the said tenn acres of land now Alienated the true intent and meaning of both graunte and graunter that this said proportion of fence is and foreuer heereafter shall be charged vpon the said Remainder of the land now in the possession of the said Nicholas Butler or his Assignes to be made and kept . . . forever. This sale was acknowledged by Nicholas Butler 24, 2, 1652."

He removed to Martha's Vineyard, off the coast of New England, in the same year, 1651, and resided there until his death, in 1671. August 12, 1671, he made the following will:

"This doth testifie that I Nicholas Butler Being at present sound in memory doe now by this my last will give my estate whatsoever that I left after I shall be buried like a Christian wholly unto my wife Joice Butler uppon serious consideration, looking to dispose of to hir children and my children, as she

shall for good and hereunto I praise (God) being of sound
 memorie as aforesaid, I do witness with my hand this 12th
 August 1671. his sight as it were

This will is witnessed	gon
by us Thomas Mayhew	the / mark of
Thomas Birchard	NICHOLAS BUTLER.
the mark of	:
Nicholas Norton.	

Mrs. Joyce Butler is By the worshippfull Governour and
 Assistants, sitting in Court this 26th day of June 1672: ad-
 mitted: Administratrix & Executrix uppon the Estate of Mr.
 Nicholas Butler deceased.

His inventory comprised a house, commons, thirty-
 five pieces of pewter, a silver "boule," brass candle-
 stick, etc., all which betoken a man of good property.

Mrs. Joyce Butler's will runs:—

"I Joice Butler, being through God's blessing at present of
 sound memory and understanding, doe make this my last will
 and Testament: Revoking all former whatsoever: and first my
 will is and I will and bequeath to my Son Hennrie Butler my
 Silver Boule and a carpet & each of his three Sonnes, one Silver
 Spone—Nextly I will and bequeath to my Grandson John
 Butler all the brass of the kitchen: and to my Grandson
 Thomas Butler one Iron pottage pot, an Iron Kettle and my
 Bead, Beadstead, and all the furniture belonging to it, as it is in
 present use, as two pairs of blankets two pilloes, etc. And I
 Give more to my Grandson, John Butler, all the Bead and
 Beading above Stairs. Nextly I will and bequeath, all my
 linnen, to be Equally devided Between my Grandchildren, John
 and Thomas Butler and Mary Athearn: And Nextly I will and
 Bequeath to my three Grandchildren aforesaid all my Great
 Cattle to be Equally devided among them, that is to say John
 Butler, Thomas Butler and Mary Athearn: except that only my
 Grandson Thomas Butler shall have more to his part: and one
 heiffer before the devision set apart, which heiffer I doe will and
 bequeath to my Grandson Samuel Minott: And my will is, and
 I bequeath all my Sheep to my two Grandsons John Butler and
 Thomas Butler to be Equally devided between them: Nextly I
 will and bequeath to my Grandsons Thomas Butler my Dwell-
 ing house, with the long Table and hanging Cupboard, and to

my Grandson John Butler my Cupbord and the Chest which was Joseph Butler's and to my Granddaughter Mary Athearn, my chest and two Joint Stools: and as to my chaires, I give the table chair to my Grandson Thomas Butler: the remainder of the chaires I leave to be Equally devided between my Grandchildren John, Thomas Butler and Mary Athearn: Nextly my will is that they should pay my Grand daughter Hannah Chad-duck, two hundred weight of fleece wooll yearly, fifty pounds until it is payed: which is within four year: and as to Landes, I will and Bequeath all my Landes with the privelleges and appurtenances to My Grandson Thomas Butler, and my pewter, I will to be Devided, as my linnen aforesaid, viz. between my Grandchildren, John, Thomas Butler and Mary Athearn:

And lastly I Appoint my Grand son, John Butler, to be my sole Executor and Administrator to this my last will, and my will is and I doe Request my friends, Mr. Richard Sarson and Matthew Mayhew, to be the overseers that it may be performed. And as witness of this my last will and Testament I the said Joice Butler have put heerto my hand and seall this thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seaventy and nine, alias eighty."

Witness,

Matthew Mayhew,

Richard Sarson.

JOICE BUTLER.

I. B.

her mark.

Nicholas Butler married, probably in Kent, Joice —; he died in Edgartown, August 13, 1761; she died —.

They had children:

1. John.

2. Henry.

3. Lydia, who married in Dorchester, Mass., May 19, 1647, John Minott, who was born in 1626; she had five children, and died as the sixth was born, January 24, 1667, in Dorchester.

JOHN BUTLER, son of Nicholas and Joice Butler, date of birth not ascertained, on the 1, of the 10, 1651, was one of the two supervisors of the way to the Neck, in Dorchester, Mass. Previously, he had bought land in the adjacent town, Roxbury, as in the Roxbury Land Records it stated that "Giles Payson's land was

partly sixteene acres, more or lesse, bought of John Butler," and this lay next land of Nicholas Butler. In 1651, Nicholas Butler made a power of attorney for his son, John, after he had removed to Edgartown, whither his son soon followed, as in the Edgartown Records is recorded: "Ye 6th of January, 1652, it is ordered by ye town and promised by ye town yt John Butler shall have his lott reserved for him until ye beginning of May next, provided he be here by that time and inhabit with his family. December 16, 1652, Farther it is ordered by ye town yt ye said John Butler shall have all ye land yt is betweene ye highway and Hiacomies his lott. November 1, 1652, Ordered by ye town yt William Case hath given him a home lott between John Butler and Hiacomies, etc. March 8, 1653, Ordered that ye meadow by ye Pond is to be divided into twenty equal parts etc.—John Butler hath share No. 5. June 6, 1654, John Butler chosen leader for this year of the company. In 1655 he was again chosen leader of the company. In 1658 he was constable. Men chosen by Mr. Mayhew for the ordering of the estate of John Butler, deceased, July ye last, 1658, Thomas Birchard, John Daggett, John Pease, John Birchard."

John Butler married Mary —; he died in Edgartown, July, 1658.

They had children:

1. John, born cir. 1652.
2. Thomas, born about 1650; married in 1682, Jemima, daughter of Thomas and Bathsheba Daggett.
3. Mary, married 1665, Simon Athearn; she was mentioned in her grandmother's will.
4. Hannah, married, in Malden, Mass., 1676-7, James Chadwick.

2. HENRY BUTLER, son of Nicholas and Joice Butler, was one of the prominent men of Dorchester, as he was graduated from Harvard and received the degree of M.A. "At a towne meeting the 19:3: 1651,

It was noted whether there should be a scoole in Dorchester the major part present then did not that they would haue a scole and a scolemaster forthwith provided."

The 4th of June, 1651, it was noted at a towne meeting that the selectmen together with Mr. Jones (the pastor) and Deacon Wiswall "should forthwith treate and agree with Mr. Henery Butler for to teach scoole in dorchester." "The 12th day of the 11 mo. 1651, Mr. Butler desireth that the scole rate may be gathered with the towne rate." "25 of the tenth month 52. It is agreed by and between the Select of the towne of Dorchester for the tyme being and Mr. Henery Butler that the said Henrey Butler shall keepe scoole in the towne of Dorchester from the next second day being the 28 of this instant month vntill the first of may following and for the said tyme of Scooling he is to haue tenn poundes. Rate gathered the yeare 53; Imprimis paid vnto Mr. Henery Butler for keeping Scoole, £10, 1, 4."

Returning to England, he spent a year or two in Dorchester and then settled in Seoril (Somersetshire), where he continued public minister till August 24, 1662. "He continued his ministry afterwards in that town and in other places as he had opportunity, and was often convicted, apprehended and imprisoned. He suffered great losses by fines and seizures of his goods, and was often forced to remove from his habitation. At length, he settled at a place called Withamfrary, about five miles from Frome, where he was pastor of a congregation, and no danger from enemies, weather or indisposition of body hindered him from meeting his people, either in private houses or in Sir Edward Seymour's woods, as was thought most safe; and, though it was with difficulty and hazard that they met together, the congregation grew and he did much good. Though he had not £20 per annum to live upon until about two years before his death, no offers of worldly advantage would tempt him to leave

his charge. He was much afflicted with stone in the latter part of his life and yet continued his labors among his people as his strength would permit. He died April 24, 1691, aged 72 years. His last words were: "A broken and a contrite heart, Oh God, thou wilt not despise." (Palmer's Nonconformist Memorial, Vol. 2, page 388.)

In 1670, when the church of Dorchester was about to choose a minister to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Mather, three candidates were nominated, one of whom was Mr. Butler, in Old England.

"The Butler School at the Upper Mills Village has been appropriately named from this ancient instructor of our fathers." (History of Dorchester.)

In the Edgartown Records stands:—

"This record testifieth yt whereas there was a debt due to John Butler deceased, supposed to be £18, upon account between his brother, Mr. Henry Butler, in England and himself and ye said Mr. Henry Butler having assigned John Minott of Dorchester, in ye Massachusetts Bay, to discharge ye said debt to ye said John Butler, his assigns: ye said assigns of John Butler, with Mr. Nicholas Butler, his father, have agreed yt upon ye receipt of ye six part of this aforementioned debt by me, Nicholas Butler, yt all debts, dues, demands and accounts of what nature soever shall be acquitted and discharged.

In witness whereof ye said Mr. Nicholas Butler and Mary Butler his daughter-in-law have interchangeably set to their hands this 31st July, 1658."

Witness my hand,

NICHOLAS BUTLER,
MARY BUTLER.

This was done in the presence of the town. (From Mrs. Adelbert Ames, "The Butler Ancestry.")

JOHN BUTLER, second son of John and Mary Butler, was born in Edgartown about the year 1652. By his grandmother's will he is shown to have been the younger of the two sons of John and Mary Butler, as she bequeathed the homestead and the greater part

of her estate to his brother, Thomas. His own will was:

"In the name of God, Amen, November the tenth day and in the seventh year of his Majestys Reign Anno Domini seventeen hundred & thirty three. I, John Butler of Edgartown in Dukes County in his Majestie's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Gent. Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Dye Do make & ordain this my last Will & Téstament. first of all I give my body to the Grave. Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave itt, & my body to be buried in Decent & Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named: And my Will is that all my Just Debts be first Paid out of my Personall Estate, and that my loving wife Percilla have the third part of my Reall Estate and the Improvement of one Third part of my Reall Estate in ye same way and manner as she would have if I had made no will: and the Improvement of all the Rest of my household Goods During her Natural Life.

Item: I give and Bequeath unto my son Henry a Gun that he hath now in his hands. I give him no more having given him near what I intended.

Item: I have Given my son John Butler what I intended allready and I have also given my son Thomas Late Deceased what I Intended to give him which is the reason I give Nothing to his Children more than I have given.

Item: I give to my son Nicholas all my Shoomakers tools of all sorts he having had near his part: and I have also given to my son Samuel what I Intended for him & therefore it is that I give Nothing to him nor to my son John & Thomas's children. I also give my Daughter Joyce Newcomb nothing she having had her part.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Onesimus my bed that I lie upon & beding and furniture belonging thereunto, and all my wearing Apparrell and one half of my Sheep and the hundred Pounds that is due from John to Onesimus.

Item: I have also Given to my son Simeon his full part of my Estate & therefore give him no more.

Item: I give and Bequeath to my son Zephaniah Late Deceased children (viz) To Shobal & Sarah Butler one half Quarter of Common Lands throughout the Common Land in this Town Edgartown, Except Chapaquidick & a ten Acre lot on the line & what I have not as yet Disposed of in the Plain lots (viz) the half Quarter of a Share of Common & the Lands

given to Shubal & Sarah. I give two thirds to Shubal and one third to Sarah to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I have Given to my son Malachi Butler his full part already & therefore I give him nothing more.

Item: I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Precilla Snow the two thirds of my household Goods after my wife's decease.

Item: I Give and Bequeath unto my son Gamaliel Butler all my other Estate both Reall & Personall in Possession or Reversion to him his heirs & Assigns forever: whome I Likewise Constitute and Appoint my sole Executor to this my Last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I, the said John Butler have hereunto sett my hand and Affixed my seal the Day and Year first above written: Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the said John Butler to be his Last Will and Testamant in presence of Benjamin Smith Timothy Daggett Mary Smith."

JOHN BUTLER. (Seal)

Captain John Butler married Priscilla, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Norton; he died between 1733 and 1738.

They had children:

1. Henry, married Sarah —.
2. John.
3. Thomas, married September 18, 1702, Anne Torrey, of Weymouth, Mass. He died before his father; she she died October 1, 1733, aged about 51 years.
4. Nicholas, married September 6, 1726, Sarah Ripley, who died —; he married (2) January 1, 1730, Thankful Marchant.
5. Samuel, married Elizabeth (Clay) Stanbridge, widow of Samuel Stanbridge, who died December 23, 1769; he died February 24, 1765, aged 52.
6. Onesimus.
7. Simeon, married about 1712, Hannah Cheney.
8. Zephaniah, married Thankful Daggett; he died September 15, 1721.
9. MALACHI.
10. Jemima, married Thomas Snow.
11. Gamaliel, married Sarah Chase; he died February 24, 1765, aged 74 years.

MALACHI BUTLER, son of Captain John and Priscilla (Norton) Butler, on March 24, 1721-2, received from his father this deed:—

"Know all men by these Presents that I, John Butler of Edgartown in Dukes County In the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England having Bargained and Sold and do by these Presents give grant Bargain Sel Alien Conveigh and Confirm unto my son Malachi Butler of ye town and County and Province aforesd A certain tract or Parcell of Land being in ye above town at a place called the Swimming Place bounded by ye harbor on ye East the Plain on the West Thomas Daggett's Land on ye North and John Butler Junr land on ye South as also one whole Shear of Meadow Lying on ye South side of ye Island of Chapaquidock in sd Edgartown towards Teaqua as also one half quarter of Common or undivided Land throughout ye township of Chapaquidock only Excepted. I ye sd John Butler having received and in hand paid or secured to be paid the full and Just sum of thirty five pounds Money to my Satisfaction and content for ye above sd Premises I say I give grant sel alein Conveigh and Confirm unto my son Malachi Butler him his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns to hold with all and Every ye Priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appurtaining from me my heirs Executors Adminiss or Assigns to have and to hold for Ever and In Witness to these Presents I have hereunto Subscribed with my hand and put too my Seal all ways Reserving to myself ye youse and Improvement of ye one half from ye Roo of Stones Northerly during my Life."

May 23, 1732. John Butler conveyed to his two sons Gamaliel and Malachi, the pew in Edgartown meeting house which had been formerly granted to himself by the town, the pew being the second on the east side of the pulpit. "I having at ye said time of building ye sd pew promised it to my Son Gamaliel Butler and my Son Malachi Butler in Case they would Be Att ye Cost and Build ye said pew and They having Dun the Same . . . I do therefore herby Confirm ye Said pew to them and their heirs and Assigns for Ever the said Gamaliel Being the Eldest to have ye highest or

upper End of sd Pew and Malachi Being ye Younger Shall have the Lowest End of ye Said Pew."

From Edgartown Malachi Butler removed to Windham, Connecticut, to that part which was, later, incorporated as Lebanon. There are deeds on record given by him as early as 1733. On January 29, 1744, he sold to his brother, Shubael Butler, weaver, of Edgartown, his own half of the pew in Edgartown meeting-house. August 18, 1747, he bought for eight hundred pounds "the 6th Lot, in the 4th Division which was drawn on Thomas Wheeler's lot in the North Parish of Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut, with a right in the undivided lands in this parish, or purchase, of Mary Wheeler, a daughter of Thomas Wheeler."

November 22, 1750, Malachi Butler of Windham, sold to his son, Zephaniah Butler, this same tract. September 22, 1759, Zephaniah Butler sold a part of this, with a house and barn, sixty acres of which were bounded by land belonging to Malachi Butler. March 31, 1758, Malachi Butler of Woodbury, Conn., sold for eight pounds to John Pease twenty acres of planting rights in the Island of Chapaquidock.

September, 1757, the selectmen of Woodbury, by advice of the civil authorities, took charge of Malachi Butler's estate and family, as he had given evidence of such a disordered mind as to waste his property, "Being then in a Likely way to spend all his estate." As he remained in a condition unfit to manage, the selectmen received authority to sell enough of the estate to bring forty-eight pounds, eleven shillings, eleven pence. After this decree his name disappears. He married in Edgartown, Jemima, daughter of Captain Thomas and Elizabeth (Hawes) Daggett; her sister, Betsey, married his brother, John Butler, and her sister, Thankful Daggett, married his brother, Zephaniah Butler. Of his wife Jemima, we found no record.

They had children, baptized at Edgartown Church:

1. Thankful, January 30, 1723.
2. Susannah, December 20, 1724.
3. Zephaniah, January 15, 1727.
4. Benjamin, May 4, 1729.
5. Margery, July 11, 1731.
6. SILAS, November 11, 1733.
7. Solomon.
8. Lydia, baptized in Lebanon Church, June 10, 1736.
9. Mary, baptized in Lebanon Church, March 19, 1738.
10. Jemima, baptized in Lebanon Church, June 18, 1742
(may have been that Jemima Butler who married
in Woodbury, Ct., August 11, 1771, Solomon
Stoddard).

SILAS BUTLER, son of Malachi and Jemima (Daggett) Butler, was baptized in Edgartown church, November 11, 1733. His name first occurs on the tax list of Woodbury, Conn., in 1755, when he paid £21; in 1756 he paid a tax of £31. In 1757 he was taxed on a house £12 and a town rate of £26, the tax increasing each year up to 1760, when he paid £45. June 26, 1763, Silas Butler, joiner, of New Framingham, Mass. (now Lanesboro'), bought an acre of land in Stockbridge, Mass., of Justice Wheeler. November 9, 1764, Silas Butler of Stockbridge, joiner, sold two parcels of land in New Framingham for £30, one of these consisting of $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, with a mansion house standing on it. October 23, 1765, Eldad Spencer of Woodbury, Conn., bought for £30 land in Stockbridge bounded by land of Silas Butler. April 5, 1769, Silas Butler of Stockbridge, yeoman, for £28, bought of Joel Pomroy 45 acres of land in The Hoplands of Great Barrington, Mass. February 8, 1770, Eldad Spencer of Woodbury, Conn., sold 55 acres of land in Stockbridge for £31. March 31, 1772, Silas Butler, yeoman, with his wife Jerusha, living in the Glass Works Grant, sold for £25, to Timothy Edwards of Stockbridge, 50 acres of land in the Glass Works Grant on the north line of Great Barrington; the first

station bounded southwards by Barrington Hoplands, east by land of Oliver Thomas, west by land of Eliezir Deming, north by land of Thomas Williams. In 1772, Timothy Edwards sold for £12 10, to Silas Butler, who was living in the Glass Works Grant, land in Stockbridge lying on the north-east corner of Barrington Hoplands. April 4, 1771, Silas Butler, living in the Glass Works Grant, bought a tract of 50 acres of land in said Grant. September 30, 1772, Silas Butler, joiner, of Stockbridge, with his wife Jerusha, sold for £12 10, to Timothy Edwards, 10 acres of land. March 9, 1774, Silas Butler, joiner, of Stockbridge, sold for £37, to John Seeley, lots of land, one piece bounded by Richard Ranney's land.

February 16, 1779, Jerusha, late widow of Silas Butler, who was at that date wife of Joseph Huggins of Sheffield, Mass., desired that the said Joseph Huggins should administer the estate of her late deceased husband, Silas Butler, of said Sheffield.

January, 1787, Eldad Huggins of New Marlboro', Mass., with Joseph Huggins of Sheffield, gave bonds when Silas Spencer Butler, son of Silas Butler, late of Sheffield, deceased, a minor, chose Joseph Huggins for his guardian; at the same date, William and Eldad Butler, minor sons of Silas Butler, deceased, chose Joseph Huggins for their guardian.

Silas Butler married in Woodbury, Conn., March 15, 1758, Jerusha Spencer, daughter of Eldad and Esther Spencer, who was born in Wallingford, Conn., October 11, 1738.

They had children:

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| 1. Darius, | } | All baptized in Stockbridge by Rev. Benjamin West, August 25, 1765. |
| 2. William, | | |
| 3. Charles, | | |
| 4. Eldad, | | |
| 5. JERUSHA, | | born 1768. |
| 6. Hannah, | | baptized by Rev. Benjamin West, October 2, 1768. |

7. Esther, baptized by Rev. Benjamin West, September 9, 1770.
8. Silas, baptized by Rev. Benjamin West, September 6, 1772. A living descendent, of Phelps, N. Y., says there was also a son Zephaniah.

JERUSHA BUTLER, daughter of Silas and Jerusha (Spencer) Butler, was probably born in Stockbridge, Mass., 1768; she married 1785, Julius, son of Jeremiah and Martha (Stowe) Ranney, who was born in Woodbury, Conn., 1765.

April 11, 1785, Julius Ranney owned a house, with a small lot of land and a blacksmith's shop in Woodbury North Purchase, which was called Bethlehem. This land was on Kasson's Hill, adjoining the farm of Solomon Butler, and the estate was taxed in Woodbury. September 28, 1802, Julius Ranney's estate was administered, he dying intestate. It consisted of a house, homestead lot and a blacksmith shop, the whole property amounting to £456 68. He died in Bethlehem, July 12, 1802.

After his decease, his widow, Mrs. Jerusha Ranney, went to Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Mass., where she supported her family of young children by boarding pupils of Rev. Dr. Bellamy's Academy. Among these was Wade Hampton. About this time there was an active movement to purchase lands in central and northern New York, and Mrs. Ranney became owner of a farm in what is now Spencer, Tioga County, in 1810. This she managed skilfully and with great success. Her children married and settled on adjacent farms. Family letters speak of her marked ability and strong characteristics, and one enthusiastic descendant wrote: "If she had been a man, she would have become a major-general."

October 7, 1819, her son, Julius Butler Ranney, wrote: "I live on mother's farm and try to cultivate it. Sister Susan died; mother and all the family

attended the funeral, save Oliver Ranney of Chester, Ohio. As to brother James, husband of sister Susan, his son Oliver and sister Lucy keep house for him. James has removed to Union Village, ten miles below Ithaca; their youngest child was named Jerusha." In the same year, 1819, Mrs. Lucy Palmer wrote: "Brother Iram (Hawes) and sister Polly are at our house in Union Village. Our little Jerusha has died."

For a while, Hiram Hawes who had married Polly Ranney lived in Danby.

From Kingsville, on April 11, 1829, Mrs. Lucy Palmer wrote to her brother, Oliver Ranney: "While we were stopping at Burton, Mr. Palmer was taken ill. Brother James has come back here to live." Again her son, Julius, wrote: "Mother has married a very wealthy Dutch farmer, a man of ability and means by the name of David Ennis."

In a letter dated 1836, Mrs. Jerusha (Butler) Ranney-Ennis described a visit she had just paid in Poughkeepsie, New York, to her two brothers, Charles and George Butler, at their residences in Market street. In 1830, Thomas Stow Ranney, another son, was editing the "Albany Argus" and wrote that he had just received a visit from his cousins, Elizabeth and Hannah Butler, daughters of his uncle, Charles Butler, of Poughkeepsie, and added: "The youngest cousin, Elizabeth, has just been married to Mr. Hiram Veltman and was here on her wedding trip."

From Poughkeepsie, where Thomas Stow Ranney was editing another newspaper, he wrote to his brother Olim in 1841: "I recall the time when Julius came hither from Vermont. It seems but a brief while since mother, Susan, Thomas and you were at our fireside and Polly, Lucy and Julius at no great distance; now my wife has gone, Lucy too."

From Rome, New York, Rev. Urban Palmer wrote to Mrs. Lynda Ranney at Chester Cross Roads, Ohio: "I was married September 30, 1839, to a widow."

February 4, 1844, Mrs. Ennis, then suffering from a

severe illness that she thought would terminate fatally, bade farewell to her family. Throughout her life she exhibited a strong religious spirit, and her letters contained many exhortations to a Christian life. She left a sum of money to be used for the erection of a chapel in the little village of Cayuta, a Dutch settlement, which was originally a part of the township of Spencer.

December 16, 1862, her son, Thomas Stow Ranney, who was residing in Poughkeepsie, wrote somewhat at length concerning his uncle, Charles Butler, and his oldest daughter, "my cousin," Mrs. Lee, and her brother Theron Butler, another cousin, then of Chenango County, New York.

Julius and Jerusha (Butler) Ranney had children, born in Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut:

1. Polly Ranney, born September 14, 1790, probably the Mary of whom her mother wrote in her last letter, dated 1844, that she had recently died in Michigan.
2. Julius Ranney, born August 24, 1792.
3. LUCY RANNEY, born July 19, 1794; married Rev. Urban Palmer.
4. Oliver Ranney, born September 17, 1796.
5. Susan Ranney, born February 28, 1799.
6. Thomas Stow Ranney, born August 22, 1801.

RHODE ISLAND ANCESTRY
IN THE
PALMER-MELVIN GENEALOGY.

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RHODE ISLAND ANCESTRY OF THE PALMER-MELVIN FAMILIES.

THOMAS ANGELL.	ELISHA KNOWLTON.
REV. CHAD BROWNE.	ROGER MOWRY.
JOHN FIELD.	JOHN SMITH, MILLER.
WILLIAM HARRIS.	CHRISTOPHER SMITH.
REV. OBADIAH HOLMES.	RICHARD TEW.
WILLIAM HAWKINS.	JOHN WHIPPLE.
EDWARD INMAN.	

This account of Rhode Island ancestors is written mainly for readers who may desire to become familiar with the lives of these early settlers in Providence, R. I. The list of authorities mentioned in the text and marginal notes, though not exhaustive, may be read with profit.

THOMAS ANGELL.*

By tradition the son of Henry, of Liverpool, England, a lad of twelve years, he accompanied Roger Williams to New England in 1630, and lived in the Williams family. He was one of the five companions of Roger Williams in the canoe, when, landing on Slate Rock, the settlement of Providence was begun in June, 1636.† Of his wife nothing is recorded except her name—Alice. He died in 1694 and she survived him but a year. A signer of the compact,

* Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island.

† Providence Plantations, Prov., 1886, p. 22, also p. 144.

Commissioner, Juryman, Constable, Freeman, Town Clerk, Land-holder, on Indian committees—he evidently stood well with his townspeople. On a portion of his home lot, North Main St., stands the First Baptist Church erected in 1774-5.* Of his eight children, John,² the eldest, born 1646, died 1720, married 1669, Ruth,² daughter of John Field.¹ They were the parents of Mercy Angell,³ born 1675, who married 1693, Benjamin Smith,³ (John,² John Smith,¹ Miller). Their fourth son, Hezekiah Smith,⁴ born 1706, married Rachel Smith⁴ (Edward,³ Edward,² Christopher¹). Enos Smith,⁵ born March 4, 1739, married Keziah Brown⁵ (Andrew,⁴ Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹), born June 3, 1745. Achsah Smith,⁶ 1766-1858, married 1790, Reuben Melvin, 1760-1837. Achsah Melvin,⁷ 1810-1850, married 1833, Chester Palmer, 1812-1894. Lowell M. Palmer,⁸ born March 11, 1845.

REV. CHAD BROWNE.

Foremost among the founders of Providence, R. I., for conscience sake, under the leadership of Roger Williams, was the Rev. Chad Browne.† The recent researches of Mr. Henry F. Waters of London, England, indicate that the early home of the Brownes may have been Melchbourne, Bedfordshire, England.‡ His arrival in Boston, July, 1638, on the ship "Martin," accompanied by his wife Elizabeth and son John, then eight years of age, and perhaps the four younger sons, is confirmed by Massachusetts records. The proving, July 13, by the oaths of Chad Browne and three others before Deputy Governor Dudley of the nuncupative will of Sylvester Baldwin, a fellow passenger who died on the voyage, is mentioned by Savage. Exiled from Salem, he removed to Providence the

* Ibid

† The Chad Browne Memorial, an illustrated octavo, cloth, 173 pages, fully indexed, 1888, may be ordered from the author, Mrs. A. I. Bulkley, Brooklyn, N. Y., 167 South Elliott Place. Corrections and Additions in manuscript, if desired, are included. Price, by mail \$5.15.

‡ New England Historical and Genealogical Register, April, 1893, p., 266.

same year. As preacher, surveyor, member on important committees, and peace maker among the dissensions of the early colonists, his services were invaluable, and won the high commendation of Roger Williams, who spoke of him in a letter to John Whipple, Junior, 1669, as that "noble spirit now with God, Chad Browne."

To his proficiency as surveyor we owe our knowledge of the Home Lots on the Towne Street, and the meadows allotted to them. His signature is first to the written agreement for government, "only in civil things," in form a strict democracy, which continued in force, with some later changes in representation, until replaced by the First Charter brought from England by Roger Williams in 1644. Of this covenant it has been said that "it well deserves a place beside the compact signed by the Pilgrims in the cabin of the Mayflower." In a letter to Mr. John Winthrop, deputy governor, written about August, 1636, Roger Williams describes this agreement. "It is the earliest account extant relating to the settlement of Providence, and of the manner in which the civil affairs of the little community were conducted."* In 1642 Chad Browne was ordained settled pastor of the Baptist Church, of which organization, for a brief period, Roger Williams had been the leader and pastor. His death took place before 1650, as at that date the widow's name occurs on a tax list. In 1833 Moses Brown⁵ (James,⁴ Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹) wrote thus to Dr. Wayland: "Chad and his wife were buried in their own lot, near the north-west corner of the now town house, and had a large square monument of granite over them. I saw their remains when taken up." The removal to the Nicholas Brown lot in the North Burial Ground took place in 1792, when a monumental stone with inscription was erected by the town of Providence:

* Old South Leaflets, No. 54.

IN MEMORY OF
 CHAD BROWN,
 ELDER OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN
 THIS TOWN.
 HE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS OF THE
 PROVIDENCE PURCHASE,
 HAVING BEEN EXILED FROM MASSACHUSETTS
 FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE.
 HE HAD FIVE SONS,
 JOHN, JAMES, JEREMIAH, CHAD* AND DANIEL,
 WHO HAVE LEFT A NUMEROUS POSTERITY.
 HE DIED ABOUT A.D. 1665.†
 THIS MONUMENT
 WAS ERECTED BY THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE.

BROWN-PALMER PEDIGREE.

John Brown² (Chad¹), born 1630, died about 1706, married Mary Holmes² (Obadiah¹). Elder James,³ born 1666, died Oct. 28, 1732, married Dec. 17, 1691, Mary Harris³ (Andrew,² William¹). Andrew,⁴ born Sept. 20, 1706, died Feb. 12, 1783, married Mary Knowlton, daughter of Elisha. Keziah,⁵ born June 3, 1745, married Enos Smith,⁵ born March 4, 1739 (Hezekiah,⁴ Benjamin,³ John,² John Smith,¹ miller). Achsah Smith,⁶ 1766-1858, married 1790, Reuben Melvin, 1760-1837. Achsah Melvin,⁷ 1810-1850, married 1833, Chester Palmer, 1812-1894.

BROWN-LEE HISTORY.

(By permission of Mrs. Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury.)

According to an original genealogical manuscript by the Rev. Joseph Lee of Oysterponds, Southold, L. I., handed down from the fourth generation, Chad Browne¹ had also a daughter, Phebe,² who, with her husband, Thomas Lee, and three young children, Phebe,³ Jane³ and Thomas,³ emigrated to Saybrook, Conn., in 1641. Thomas Lee died on the passage

* Chad, called also Judah, died unmarried, May 10, 1663, in Newport, R. I.

† An error in date, as shown by records.

and was buried at sea. They were accompanied by her father, then a resident of Providence, who, it is inferred, had returned to England for his daughter and her family. This record, published for the first time in "Family Histories and Genealogies," Vol. III., by Edward Elbridge Salisbury and Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury, appeared in 1892, and extends, with some additional matter relating to the Lees, through seventy-eight pages. The Lee Pedigree, in a tabulated form, is in a Pedigree-Chart Supplement to Vol. III. An entry in Providence records, hitherto obscure, is now explained by the above statements. Nov. 3, 1649, "He [John Brown] and five others drew lots for the home share of Mr. Lea, deceased, whose widow was to have 30s."*

A full account of the descendants of Jane Lee³ (Phebe,³ Chad Browne¹) who married June, 1659, Samuel, the only son of the first William Hyde of Norwich, Conn., may be read in the Hyde Genealogy.† The posterity of Jane (Lee³) Hyde, and Thomas Lee,³ comprise many well known and illustrious names in Conn. families. Among the living Hyde-Lee descendants may be mentioned Ex-President Grover Cleveland, and Mrs. Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury, widow of Edward Elbridge Salisbury, formerly Professor in Yale University, who died Feb. 5, 1901. The eminent genealogist, Joseph Lemuel Chester, was of the line of Thomas Lee³ and his first wife Sarah Kirtland. A memorial tablet in Westminster Abbey tells of the appreciation received in his adopted country.

The widow, Phebe (Brown³) Lee was subsequently twice married. The second marriage was to Greenfield Larrabee of Norwich, Conn., by whom there were three sons and two daughters. The eldest son, Greenfield, born 1648, married Alice Parke. The third husband was — Cornish of Simsbury, Conn. They had one son, James.

* Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, p. 258.

† Hyde Genealogy, by Chancellor Reuben Hyde Walworth, 1864, 2 vols., 8vo.

The following paragraph, quoted from a "Sketch" by Augustine Jones, LL.B., Principal of the Friends' School, Providence,* has reference mainly to the line of James Brown⁴ and Hope Power, his wife (Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹). "But in all that group of sterling, famous men, who were the colleagues of Roger Williams, not one was more able, upright and spotless than the Rev. Chad Browne. And the descendants of that heavenly minded man have had greater influence upon the fortunes of this city, than the offspring of any other man, living or dead." The "Four Brothers" who played so important and beneficent a part in the history of the times in which they lived were Nicholas⁵ 1729-1791, Joseph⁵ 1733-1785, John⁵ 1736-1803, and Moses⁵ 1738-1836. While even a partial mention of the Chad Browne posterity would be incomplete without some allusion to this branch, the record of their gifts and good deeds is too long to be repeated here, and the reader is referred to other sources of information.†

By the wills of the late John Nicholas Brown⁸ and his brother Harold Brown⁸ (John Carter,⁷ Nicholas,⁶ Nicholas,⁵ James,⁴ Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹) about \$227,000 was distributed in public bequests.

Recent gifts of John Nicholas Brown⁸ to the Providence Public Library, and the decision of the Trustees of his will to transfer the John Carter Brown Library to Brown University, are the culmination of a long series of contributions begun in 1792, by Nicholas Brown,⁶ from whom the University received its name. ‡"This library contains, if not the finest, at least one of the finest collections of early Americana in this

* Moses Brown: A Sketch by Augustine Jones, LL.B., 1892, Providence, R. I.

† New England Magazine and Bay State Monthly, Vol. V., No. VI, April, May, 1887.

The Providence Plantations for 250 years, J. A. and R. A. Reid, Providence, 1886.

‡ Report presented to the American Library Association at its meeting in Waukesha, July, 1901, by George Watson Cole, and "Chad Browne Memorial," p. 77.

country, and possesses many books not to be found in any other library on this side of the Atlantic. Its collector, after whom it is named, was a competitor with Lenox, Brinley, and other collectors of Americana, for many a choice nugget which Henry Stevens and other European dealers had secured for their American patrons. The library is estimated to be worth at least \$1,000,000, and the gift carries with it two legacies, one of \$150,000 for a library building, and another of \$500,000 as an endowment fund for its increase and maintenance."

Sayles Memorial Hall, built at the expense of the Hon. William F. Sayles, a descendant in the ninth generation from Chad Browne, was dedicated and presented by him to Brown University in June, 1881, in memory of his son, William Clark Sayles,¹⁰ whose death, Feb. 3, 1876, occurred when he was a student at that Institution. William F. Sayles⁹ (Mary A. (Olney) Sayles,⁸ Paris Olney,⁷ Amey (Hopkins) Olney,⁶ Martha (Jenckes) Hopkins,⁵ Obadiah Jenckes,⁴ Martha (Brown) Jenckes,³ John Brown,² Chad¹).

Four Governors of Rhode Island are numbered among the Chad Browne descendants, viz: Gov. Arthur Fenner, 1790-1805; his son, Gov. James Fenner, 1807-1811 and 1824-1831, his closing term 1843-4; John Brown Francis, 1833-1838; Gov. Elisha Harris, 1847-1849. For the Fenner and Francis lines see "Chad Browne Memorial," pages 128 and 82. For the Harris line consult Austin's "Ancestors of Thirty-Three Rhode Islanders, Etc.," p. 29, Prov. 1889.

JOHN FIELD.

John Field,¹ who may have been son of William, and grandson of Sir John Field, the English astronomer of Ardsley, Yorkshire, born —, died 1686, was in Providence as early as 1637. The name of his wife is not known. In 1640 he signed the Compact, was Land-holder, Freeman, Juryman, and Deputy. Of

their five children, Ruth,² the youngest, born —, died after 1727, married Jan. 7, 1669, John³ son of Thomas¹ and Alice Angell.

WILLIAM HARRIS.

William Harris,¹ born 1610, probably in Pembroke-shire, South Wales, was one of the most prominent settlers in Providence, R. I. He emigrated from Bristol, Eng., in 1630, with his brother Thomas Harris and Roger Williams, and was one of the five companions of the latter in the canoe when they left Seekonk, June, 1636, to found a new settlement. Though a Landholder, one of the twelve original members of the Baptist Church — baptized by Roger Williams in March 1639 — a signer of the agreement of 1640, Commissioner, Deputy, Assistant, Member of the Town Council, and General Solicitor, his views in regard to many of the questions of the day differed so widely from those of Roger Williams, that a serious quarrel of many years duration, marked on both sides by the use of the most violent and bitter language, was the result. The warrant issued in 1657 by Roger Williams for the arrest of William Harris on charge of high treason against the Commonwealth of England, was not maintained. The vexed question of the so-called "Pawtuxet Purchase" was prolonged until 1712, long after his death.

Harris's legal knowledge, extensive and accurate above that of any of his associates, was so well appreciated by the Pawtuxet Proprietors, that he was sent three times to England on their behalf. His fourth voyage, Dec., 1679, in the same interests, proved most disastrous. The ship "Unity" was captured by an Algerine corsair, and, in consequence, he spent more than a year of slavery in Algiers. Ransomed at last, by the payment of a large sum, to which, as their agent, the Colony of Conn. contributed, the homeward journey was begun. He travelled through Spain and France,

but on reaching London, succumbed to the hardships of his long captivity, and, after three days illness, expired at the house of his friend, John Stokes, in Spitalfields, March, 1681. Some original letters and many copied papers of an early date, also a "Volume of Statutes in Frequent Use," folio, London, 1661,* owned and indexed by him, and afterwards the property of Capt. Arthur Fenner, are now in the Cabinet of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

The family name of his wife Susannah is not recorded. She survived him but a short time, dying after 1682. Of their five children, Andrew,² the eldest, born in 1635, married Dec. 8, 1670, Mary,³ dau. of Richard² and Mary (Clarke) Tew. Their dau. Mary⁴ married Dec. 17, 1691, Elder James Brown³ (John,² Chad¹).

REV. OBADIAH HOLMES.

Obadiah Holmes, born in Preston, Lancashire, Eng., in 1607, with his wife Katharine, emigrated to Salem, Mass., about 1639, where, as a manufacturer of window glass, he received a grant of two acres of land and a loan from the Town. In 1640, 1642 and 1644, three of his children were baptized there. He removed to Rehoboth, Mass., in 1646, remaining until about 1650, when he settled in Newport, R. I., and in 1652 became pastor of the First Baptist Church, continuing in that service until his death, Oct. 15, 1682. His wife did not long survive him. The family burial place on his farm at Middletown, near Newport, where they were interred, is in good preservation, and inscribed stones mark their last resting place.

For an extended account of the persecution of the Rev. Obadiah Holmes by the Massachusetts authorities in Boston, 1651, and the cruel punishment inflicted on the first martyr to religious liberty in the Colony, see Backus's and Benedict's Histories of the

* Root's Genealogy of the Fenner Family, No. 1, p. 11.

Baptist denomination. After the infliction of thirty stripes he made his escape by night and, quoting his own words, "was by the good hand of my Heavenly Father, brought home again to my near relatives, my wife and eight children." His exaltation of spirit was so great that, when released from the post, he said to the magistrates, "You have struck me as with roses." After recovering from this chastisement, he wrote an account of his sufferings to friends in London. His eldest child, Mary,² born —, d. after 1690, married John Brown² of Providence (Chad¹). They had three sons and four daughters.

WILLIAM HAWKINS.

This brief account of William Hawkins,¹ one of the early settlers of Providence, is derived chiefly from Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island. Dec. 20, 1638, he received a grant of land, was one of the signers of the Compact of 1640, purchased additional land in 1645, was Freeman, and during King Philip's war remained in one of the garrison houses in Providence, thus sharing in the disposition of the Indian captives, whose services were held for a term of years. The only record concerning his wife is that of her name—Margaret. Their eldest child, John,² died 1726, married Sarah —. Of their eight children, a daughter, Lydia,³ married Elisha Knowlton, born 1677–8, of Gloucester. The latter were the parents of Mary Knowlton,⁴ wife of Andrew Brown⁴ (Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹).

EDWARD INMAN.

Edward Inman, a glover by trade, was recorded, June 5, 1648, as an inhabitant of Warwick. The name of his wife is not known. Three years later he removed to Providence, where he received grants of land in 1651, 1656, 1665 and 1682. His holdings were also increased by purchase. The eldest of his three

children, Joanna,² married 1666, Nathaniel Mowry² (Roger¹). Their daughter Mercy Mowry³ became the wife of Edward Smith³ (Edward,² Christopher¹). The latter were the parents of Rachel Smith,⁴ who married Hezekiah Smith⁴ (Benjamin,³ John,² John Smith,¹ Miller). By the marriage of their son Enos⁵ to Keziah Brown⁵ (Andrew,⁴ Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹), the Smiths and Browns were closely united.

ELISHA KNOWLTON.

The Knowlton Family had no representatives among the early settlers of Rhode Island. In Austin's Genealogical Dictionary, which comprises three and in some families four generations of those who came before 1690, the name occurs but four times, and then in connection with intermarriages. Three of these incidental references are to Elisha Knowlton of Gloucester, who married Lydia Hawkins³ (John,² William¹). Their daughter Mary⁴ became the wife of Andrew Brown⁴ (Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹). This was the second alliance with the Browns, as Mary Hawkins,³ sister of Lydia,³ married Hosanna Brown³ (Daniel,² Chad¹). The fourth Knowlton reference is found in the will of Abraham Tourtellot² of Newport and Gloucester, proved April 13, 1763, "To daughter Lydia Knowlton £50."

At a meeting called March 16, 1731, to organize the town of Gloucester,* Elisha Knowlton was made moderator and clerk. With Walter Phettleplace he was chosen Assistant Deputy Governor to the General Assembly and was re-appointed in 1733 and 1735. The Deputy Governors and Assistants were the judges of the highest judicial courts of the State until 1747, when chief justices were appointed. Three surveyors, of whom Elisha Knowlton was one, were ordered by the Assembly to decide the boundary lines of the town. By trade he was a joiner. According to the Knowl-

* History of Gloucester, Elizabeth A. Perry, Providence, 1885.

ton Genealogy, Elisha Knowlton, son of Joseph and Lucy (Whipple) Knowlton of Ipswich, Mass., born 1678, settled in Providence before 1720. At that date he was a Lieutenant in the local militia and was made Freeman in the same year. He served as Deputy to the General Court of Providence in 1719, '21 and '29. The Rev. Thomas Knowlton may have been of this family. Ordained at Plainfield, Conn., Sept. 11, 1742, he was soon called as Pastor of a Separatist Baptist Church in Gloucester, where he preached until his death at an advanced age.

ROGER MOWRY.

Roger Mowry, born —, died Jan. 5, 1666, first of Plymouth and Salem, Mass., removed about 1643 to Providence with his wife Mary and three young children. Salem records make it probable that there was an earlier wife. By tradition Roger Williams and Roger¹ Mowry were kinsmen. In Providence he kept a house of entertainment by appointment of the Commissioners, and in 1656 entered ten ankers of liquors (about ten gallons) three ankers of rum, and two barrels of sack. The house lot laid out to him "was upon the hill over against Roger Williams, his meadow." Mary Mowry was a kinswoman of Isaac Heath of Roxbury, Mass., who left her in his will, 1661, 20s. Four years later she received from his widow, Elizabeth Heath, a legacy of 10s., and the same amount for her son, Thomas.

Their son, Nathaniel Mowry,² born in Providence, 1644, married 1666, Joanna,² daughter of Edward Inman. Of their eleven children, Mercy,³ the ninth, married Edward Smith³ (Edward,² Christopher¹). A daughter, Rachel Smith,⁴ became the wife of Hezekiah Smith⁴ (Benjamin,³ John,² John Smith,¹ Miller). Their son, Enos Smith,⁵ born March 4, 1739, married Keziah Brown,⁵ born June 3, 1745 (Andrew,⁴ Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹). Succeeding generations

were Achsah Smith⁶ 1766–1858, who married 1790, Reuben Melvin, 1760–1837—Achsah⁷ Melvin, 1810–1850, who married 1833, Chester Palmer, 1812–1894. (For a more extended account of Roger Mowry, consult Austin's *Genealogical Dictionary*.)

JOHN SMITH, THE MILLER.

John Smith, an early settler in Dorchester, was banished by the General Court of Mass., Sept. 3, 1635, for "divers dangerous opinions which he holdeth and hath divulged." He passed the following winter with Roger Williams in Seekonk, and was one of his companions in the canoe, when the site of Providence was selected for the new settlement, June, 1636. Canonicus and Miantonomi, Indian Sachems, had previously given their consent to the occupation of this territory, and the grant was subsequently confirmed by a formal deed.

The earliest Mill Grant in Rhode Island was given to John Smith on certain conditions, and a land grant of 150 acres. The mill was built on the lower falls of the Moshassuck river, the business centre of the town. After the death of John Smith, the mill grant was confirmed to Widow Alice Smith and her only son, John. When Providence was burned by the Indians in March, 1676, the Town records, partially consumed, were saved from total destruction by being thrown into the mill-pond. Five generations of Smiths, John,¹ John,² John,³ Philip,⁴ Charles,⁵ carried on the business of grinding corn in the Smith Mill, from 1646 to 1754. On account of the failure of male heirs in the direct line, the entire property reverted to Martha (Smith) Brown,⁶ wife of Dep. Gov. Elisha Brown⁶ (Elder James,⁴ John,³ John,² Chad¹) and only child of John Smith⁴ the Fuller. The first plot of house-lots in the town, ordered by the Smith Heirs in 1754, covered this estate.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

The first account of Christopher Smith,¹ of Providence, bears date of Sept. 2, 1650, when he was taxed 3s. 4d. Freeman, Juryman, Land holder both by grant and purchase, taking oath of allegiance in 1667, he remained in Providence until the time of King Philip's war, when he took refuge in Newport. According to Friends' Records which call him "an ancient Friend of Providence," he d. there, June, 1676. Edward Smith,² b. ———, d. Nov. 8, 1693, the youngest of his four children, m. 1663, Anphillis², dau. of Thomas¹ and Alice Angell. Their son Edward³ m. Mercy Mowry,³ dau. of Nathaniel² and Joanna (Inman) Mowry. It was their dau. Rachel Smith,⁴ who m. Hezekiah Smith,⁴ b. Aug. 18, 1706, d. Nov. 12, 1753 (Benjamin³, John,² John Smith¹, Miller). Enos Smith,⁵ b. March 4, 1739, m. Keziah Brown,⁵ b. June 3, 1745 (Andrew,⁴ Elder James,³ John,² Chad¹).

RICHARD TEW.

Richard Tew² (Henry¹) of Maidford, Northampton Co., Eng., and his wife Mary, dau. of William Clark of Prior Hardwick, emigrated to New England in 1640, settling in Newport, where the marriage agreement of Oct. 18, 1633, made in England, was recorded some years later. Subsequently he became a Quaker. A Land holder by purchase, on various important committees, Commissioner, Freeman, Assistant Deputy,—he was held in high esteem by his townspeople. Family tradition relates that, being called to London to look after property interests, he d. there about 1683. Mary,³ the third child, b. Aug. 12, 1647, d. after 1688, m. Dec. 8, 1670, Andrew Harris² (William¹). It was their dau. Mary,⁴ who became the wife of Elder James Brown³ (John,² Chad¹).

JOHN WHIPPLE.

John Whipple, b. in England about 1617, who m. Sarah——, b. 1624, was in Dorchester as early as 1632, where the baptism of eight of his eleven children is recorded. In 1659, having sold his homestead and lands, he removed to Providence, where he was received as purchaser for two of the Home Lots, took oath of allegiance, was made Deputy, and had a license granted to keep an ordinary in 1674. By trade he was a carpenter. In his house, which was the third tavern half way down Constitution Hill, were held annual fairs appointed by a clerk of the town, from 1696 to '98, inclusive.

His death occurred May 16, 1685, and that of his wife in 1666. Their remains, at first interred in the Home Lot, were afterwards removed to the North Burial Ground. The stones are inscribed to the memory of Capt. John Whipple and Mrs. Sarah Whipple. Numerous early intermarriages closely allied the Whipple, Smith and Brown Families. Sarah Whipple² (John¹), b. 1642, d. about 1687, m. John Smith² (John Smith,¹ Miller). Enos Smith,⁵ who m. Keziah Brown⁶, was in the 5th generation from John Whipple,¹ John Smith,¹ Miller, and Christopher Smith.¹ His wife was in the 5th generation from Chad Browne¹.

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COLONIAL PROPOSITII.

ORIGINAL APPLICATION.

JOHN MELVIN.

B. about 1653. D. Aug. 21, 1726, Concord, Mass.
Citizen of Charlestown and Concord, Mass.

- a. Served in King Philip's War, 1675, 1676; credited under Capt. Joseph Syll, Jan. 25, 1675-6; received 14s. 6d. for service; credited under Capt. John Cutler, Sept. 23, 1676; received 10s. 2d. for service.

Authority.

- a. Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d. ed., pp. 272, 286.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898.

NICHOLAS DESBOROUGH.

B. about 1612. D. 1683, aged 71.

Inventory Aug. 31, 1683.

Citizen of Hartford, Conn.

- a. Served under Major John Mason in the Pequot War, 1637. In May, 1671, he received a grant of fifty acres of land from the General Court of Connecticut for his services.

Authority.

- a. Conn. Col. Rev., Vol. 2, p. 149.

Memorial Hist. of Hartford, Vol. 1, p. 237.

Scaera's Hartford in the Olden Time, p. 117.

Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d ed., p. 466.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897-98.

EDWARD ELMER.

B. ——. D. 1676. Probably at Podunk, now South Windsor.

Citizen of Cambridge and Northampton, Mass., Hartford, Conn.

- a. Soldier in King Philip's War, 1676. Killed by the Indians.

Authority.

- a. Stile's Ancient Windsor, Vol. 2, p. 234.

Memorial History of Hartford, Vol. 1, p. 238.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1895, 1896, 1897-8.

Illinois Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

JACOB FARRAR.

B. about 1642. England. D. Aug. 22, 1675, at Lancaster, Mass.

Citizen of Concord and Lancaster, Mass.

a. Served in King Philip's War, 1675. Killed by the Indians in a raid at Lancaster.

Authority.

a. Early Records of Lancaster, p. 99 (ed. by Henry S. Nourse, A.M.).

Marvin's History of Lancaster, p. 59.

Lancaster Births, Marriages and Deaths, p. 16.

See also Year Book of the New York Society of Colonial Wars, 1893.

General Society of Colonial Wars, 1895, 1896, 1897-98.

Illinois Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

CAPT. JOHN GORHAM.

Bapt. Jan. 28, 1621. Benefield, Eng. Buried Feb. 5, 1675-6, Swansea, Mass.

Citizen of Plymouth, Marshfield, Yarmouth and Barnstable, Mass.

a. Deputy for Yarmouth to Plymouth Colony Court, 1653.

b. Lieutenant in War with the Dutch, Dec. 17, 1673.

c. Captain of 2d Barnstable Company of Plymouth Colony Regiment, Oct. 4, 1675.

Served in King Philip's War under Major William Bradford.

Took part in Great Swamp Fight, Dec. 19, 1675, where he was severely wounded and died from the effect of his wounds.

Authority.

a. Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, p. 23.

b. Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. 5, p. 136.

Peirce's Colonial Lists, p. 95.

c. Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. 5, p. 175.

Peirce's Col. Lists, p. 95.

Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d ed., pp. 462, 463.

Peirce's Indian Hist. Biog. and Gen., p. 131.

See also Year Book of General Society of Colonial Wars, 1895.

Colorado Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars, 1899.

WILLIAM HARRIS.

B. 1610. Eng. D. 1681, London, Eng.

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

- a. A founder of the Historic Charter Colony of Rhode Island, being one of the five who accompanied Roger Williams to Providence, 1636.
- b. One of the Thirteen Original Proprietors of Providence Plantation, 1638.
- c. Commissioner for Providence to the Court of Commissioners, 1660, 1662, 1663.
- d. Deputy for Providence to the General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1665, 1666, 1672, 1673.
- e. Governor's Assistant, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676.
- f. General Solicitor, 1671.

Authority.

- a. Arnold's Hist. of R. I., Vol. 1, p. 97.
- b. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 19, 20.
- c. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 431, 468, 504.
- d. Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vol. 3, pp. 59, 81, 225, 228.
R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, pp. 146, 465, 482.
Staple's Annals of Providence, p. 645.
- e. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, pp. 150, 185, 236, 241, 292, 508, 516, 526, 542.
- f. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 275.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1896, 1897-8.

Colorado Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

WILLIAM HARTWELL.

B. about 1600. D. March 12, 1689-90, aged 90, at Concord, Mass.

Citizen of Concord, Mass.

- a. Corporal.
- b. Quartermaster of Middlesex County troops under Capt. Thomas Wheeler, Oct. 15, 1673.
- c. Soldier in King Philip's War, 1675, 1676.

Authority.

- a. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, Pt. 2, p. 567.
 - b. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, Pt. 2, p. 567.
Shattuck's History of Concord, p. 373.
 - c. Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d ed., p. 448.
- "William Hartwell of Concord received £1 5s. 2d. Jan. 24, 1676-7."

Copied from Ledger Accounts of Treasurer John Hull.

SAMUEL HARTWELL.

B. March 26, 1645, at Concord, Mass. D. July 26, 1725, at Concord, Mass.

Citizen of Concord, Mass.

- a. Soldier in King Philip's War, 1675-6, credited under Capt. Nicholas Manning of Ipswich, June 24, 1676, he received £1. 10s. for services.

Note.—Born June 24, 1735, his son Samuel drew lot No. 7, in Narraganset Township, No. 6, for his father, Samuel.

Authority.

- a. Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d ed., pp. 278, 435.

WILLIAM HAWKINS.

B. 1609. D. after 1699.

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

a. Soldier in King Philip's War, 1675-1676.

"Staid and went not away." Defended the town of Providence from attacks of the Indians.

Authority.

a. Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vol. 8, p. 12. Vol. 15, p. v., Preface.

Staple's Annals of Providence, p. 165.

Providence Plantation for 250 Years, p. 316.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1896.

SERGT. JOHN HEALD.

B. ———. D. June 17, 1689, Concord, Mass.

Citizen of Concord, Mass.

a. Soldier in King Philip's War, 1675, under Major Willard.

b. Sergeant of the Military Company at Concord, 1689, in French and Indian War.

Authority.

a. Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 1st ed., p. 75 ; 2d ed., p. 122.

(Name written "John Heale.")

b. Concord Births, Marriages and Deaths, p. 55.

(Compiled by George Tolman.)

LIEUT. JOHN HEALD.

B. Sept. 19, 1666. D. Nov. 25, 1721, Concord, Mass.

Citizen of Concord, Mass.

- a.* Lieutenant of the Military Company at Concord, which was raised for the war with the Indians. In April, 1689, he went with his company from Concord to Boston in the revolt against Sir Edmund Andros.

Authority.

- a.* History of the Town of Concord, by Lemuel Sbatuck, p. 66.
Concord Births, Marriages and Deaths, pp. 104, 205.
American Ancestry, Vol. 3, p. 179.
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OBADIAH HOLMES.

B. 1607, Lancaster Co., England. D. Oct. 15, 1682, Newport, R. I.

Citizen of Newport, R. I.

- a.* Commissioner for Newport to the General Court of Commissioners, 1656, 1658.
b. Member of a Special Governor's Council during King Philip's War, on April 11, 1676, to advise with the Governor and his assistants.

Authority.

Rhode Island Colonial Records.

- a.* Vol. 1, pp. 337, 394.
b. Vol. 2, p. 537.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1896, 1897-98.

JOHN HOWLAND.

B. 1592, London, Eng. D. Feb. 23, 1673, at Plymouth, Mass.

Citizen of Plymouth, Mass.

a. Came in the Mayflower, 1620.

b. Thirteenth signer of the Mayflower Compact, Nov. 11, 1620.

c. One of the Founders of Plymouth Colony.

d. Took part in the "First Encounter" at Great Meadow Creek, Dec. $\frac{8}{18}$, 1620.

e. Governor's Assistant, 1633, 1634, 1635.

f. Deputy for Plymouth to the Plymouth Colony Court, 1641, 1645-56, 1658, 1659, 1661, 1663, 1666, 1667, 1670.

Note.—In 1637, John Howland was elected "to be added to the Governor and Assistants to assess men towards the charges of the soldiers."

Ply. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 61, 62.

Authority.

a. b. c. All authentic histories.

d. Bradford's Hist. (ed. 1898) pp. 103, 104.

Goodwin's Pilgrim Republic, p. 83.

Mourt's Relation, (ed. 1865) p. 44.

e. Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pp. 5, 21, 32.

f. Plymouth Colony Records:

Vol. 2, pp. 16, 94, 104, 117, 124, 144, 154, 167.

Vol. 3, pp. 8, 31, 49, 79, 99, 135, 170, 214.

Vol. 4, pp. 37, 122, 148.

Vol. 5, p. 34.

See also Year Book of the Society of Colonial Wars, 1895, 1896, 1897-98.

Colorado Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

JOHN JOHNSON.

B. —. D. Sept. 30, 1659, Roxbury.

Citizen of Roxbury, Mass.

- a. Member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., 1638. Clerk from 1638–1640.
- b. Member of the embryo parliament of 1632, when every town chose two men to advise with the Governor and his Assistants.
- c. Deputy from Roxbury to the General Court of Mass., 1634 (the first General Court), 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1641, 1642, 1644–53, 1656–59, (21 years).
- d. Surveyor General of Arms and Ammunition 1641–59.

Granted £40. "for his services done ye country diverse yeares," May 14, 1645 (Mass. Col. Rec. Vol. 2, p. 99).

Granted 300 acres of land for services as Surveyor General, 1657 (Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 3, p. 430).

Note.—Came in the fleet with Winthrop, 1639. "A man of estate and distinction." One of the founders of the church of which Rev. John Eliot was the first pastor.

Authority.

- a. Robert's History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Vol. 1, p. 67.
- b. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 95.
- c. Mass. Col. Rec., Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, (Pt. 1).
 Vol. 1, pp. 117, 135, 145, 164, 173, 178, 185, 192, 194, 204, 220, 227, 235, 319.
 Vol. 2, pp. 22, 145, 186, 238, 265.
 Vol. 3, pp. 9, 39, 44, 62, 105, 121, 147, 183, 220, 259, 297, 422.
 Vol. 4, pt. 1, pp. 2, 37, 77, 120, 255, 286, 320, 364.

d. Massachusetts Colonial Records:

Vol. 1, p. 329, etc.

Vol. 2, pp. 26, 99, etc.

Vol. 3, pp. 147, 430, etc.

Vol. 4, Pt. 1, pp. 354, etc.

General References.

Drake's Town of Roxbury (1878), p. 88.

Austin's One Hundred and Sixty Allied Families,
p. 155.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register,
vol. 9, p. 224.

Ellis' History of Roxbury, p. 122.

Drake's Genealogical Dictionary.

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars,
1895, 1896.

GOV. THOMAS MAYHEW.

- B. 1591. D. 1681, Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard.
 Citizen of Watertown and Martha's Vineyard,
 Mass.
- a. Deputy for Watertown to the Mass. General Court
 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1643, 1644.
- b. Commissioner for Watertown, 1638, 1639, 1641.
- c. Commissioned by Gov. Lovelace in 1671, as Governor and Proprietor for life of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Elizabeth Islands and all other islands embraced within the limits of Dukes Co., as originally constituted. Governor from 1671-81.
- d. Preacher to the Indians for many years.

Note.—These islands were not under New England government. They were claimed by the Earl of Stirling who, on Oct. 1641, granted them to Thomas Mayhew (see Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., 2d s., vol. 3, p. 82). After 1654, Mayhew exercised a kind of independent government. (See Brodhead's Hist. of N. Y., Vol. 2, p. 139.) In 1671, they were attached to New York; in 1692, they were annexed to Massachusetts.

Authority.

- a. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 178, 194, 236, 256, 288, 318; Vol. 2, pp. 33, 66.
- b. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 239, 263, 328.
- c. Mass. Hist. Soc. Col., 2d s., Vol. 3, p. 85.
 Brodhead's Hist. of N. Y., Vol. 2, p. 174.

CORNET JACOB FARRAR.*

B. March 29, 1669, Lancaster. D. April 29, 1722,
Concord.

Citizen of Lancaster and Concord, Mass.

a. Cornet at Concord. So called 1721, 1722.

Authority.

a. Concord Births, Marriages, Deaths, p. 104. Com-
piled by George Tolman.

d. Baylie's History of New Plymouth, Vol. 3, pp. 5, 6.

See also Palfrey's History of New England, Vol. 2,
p. 196.

Bancroft's History of the United States, Vol. 1, pp.
455, 456.

Neal's History of New England, Vol. 1, pp. 219, 267.

Bond's History of Watertown.

Allen's Biographical Dictionary.

Eliot's Biographical Dictionary.

Year Book of the Colorado Society of Colonial
Wars, 1897.

* There is some doubt whether this service and the authority for the
same would be sufficient for acceptance in the Society of Colonial Wars.

CAPTAIN DAVID MELVIN.

B. Oct. 20, 1690-1, Charlestown, Mass. D. Nov. 17, 1745, Concord, Mass.

Citizen of Concord, Mass.

Service.

- a. Served under Capt. John Lovewell in the "brave Pigwacket fight" near Fryeburg, Me., April, 1725. Received a grant of land in 1728 for services in this action.
- b. Captain of 5th Co. of 4th Mass. Regt., under Col. Samuel Willard, in the expedition against Louisburg, 1745, under Sir William Pepperell.
Commissioned Captain, Feb. 15, 1744.

Authority.

- a. Shattuck's History of Concord, p. 67.
Mass. Court Orders, Vol. 14, pp. 121, 258.
Mss. Boston State House.
- b. Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1895.
Appendix, p. VIII. (List of the officers and men who served in the expedition against Louisburg.)

SAMUEL PALMER.

B. Nov. 22, 1659 (also given Nov. 27, 1659).

D. Nov. 18, 1743, Windham, Conn.

Citizen of Rehoboth, Mass., and Windham, Conn.

Service.

- a. Soldiers in King Philip's War, 1675, 1676. Served in the Narraganset expedition under Major William Bradford, Plymouth Colony Battalion.

Authority.

- a. Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d ed., p. 463.

Baylie's Memoir of Plymouth Colony, Vol. 4, p. 84.

Pierce's Indian History, Biography and Genealogy, p. 120.

Bliss's History of Rehoboth, p. 117.

Arnold's Vital Records of Rehoboth, p. 921.

REV. SAMUEL SKELTON.

Bapt. Feb. 26, 1592, at Coningsby, Lincolnshire, Eng.

D. Aug. 2, 1634, Salem, Mass.

Citizen of Salem, Mass.

Service.

- a. Member of a Council of Seven chosen at a General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Company, held in London, April 30, 1629, to assist Gov. Endicott's Council.
- b. A founder of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- c. Minister at Salem, active in founding and forwarding the interests of the Mass. Bay Colony, 1629-34. A grant of 200 acres of land was allowed for his services, July, 1632 (Mass. Bay Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 97).

Authority.

- a. Mass. Bay Colony Rec., Vol. 1, p. 361.
- a. b. c. New England Hist. Gen. Register, Vol. 52, p. 353; Vol. 53, p. 64.

See also Year Book of General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897, 1898.

Year Book of the Illinois Society, 1897.

Year Book of the Mass. Society, 1899.

EDWARD SMITH.

B. ——. D. Nov. 8, 1693.

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

a. Sergeant, June 3, 1661.

b. Deputy for Providence, to General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1665, 1668, 1675, 1676, 1680, 1682, 1683.

c. Governor's Assistant, 1691.

Authority.

a. Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vol. 3, p. 5.

b. R. I. Col. Rec.:

Vol. 2, pp. 130, 237, 527, 541.

Vol. 3, pp. 84, 91, 106, 116, 127.

Staples' Annals of Providence, pp. 645, 646.

c. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 3, p. 573.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1896, 1897-8.

THOMAS SPENCER.

B. ——. D. Sept. 11, 1686, at Hartford.

Citizen of Cambridge, Mass., and Hartford, Conn.

a. Served under Major John Mason in the Pequot War, 1637. In May, 1671, received a grant for 60 acres from General Court of Connecticut "for his good services to the Country."

b. Sergeant of militia, 1671.

Authority.

a. Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 150.

Scaera's Hartford in the Olden Time, p. 117.

Bodge's Soldiers in King Philip's War, 2d ed., p. 466.

b. Com. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 150.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1895, 1896, 1897-98.

RICHARD TEW.

**B. Maidford, Northamptonshire, Eng. D. ab. 1673,
London, Eng. (prob).**

Citizen of Newport, R. I.

- a. Commissioner for Newport to the Court of Commissioners, 1654, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1660, 1662, 1663.**
- b. Governor's Assistant, 1657, 1662, 1663, 1666, 1667.**
- c. Deputy for Newport to the General Assembly of R. I., 1663, 1664, 1665.**
- d. Named in the Royal Charter of King Charles II., 1663.**

Authority.

Rhode Island Colonial Records:

- a. Vol. 1, pp. 281, 345, 354, 393, 428, 492, 501.**
- b. Vol. 1, pp. 353, 467, 504.
Vol. 2, pp. 147, 185.**
- c. Vol. 2, pp. 22, 38, 90.**
- d. Vol. 2, p. 3.**

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897, 1898.

JOHN TILLEY.

B. ——. D. 1621, at Plymouth, Mass.

Citizen of Plymouth, Mass.

a. Came in the Mayflower, 1620.

b. Sixteenth signer of the Mayflower Compact, Nov. 11, 1620.

c. Took part in the "First Encounter at Great Meadow Creek," Dec. 8, 1620.

Authority.

a. b. Bradford's and all authentic histories.

c. Bradford's History, pp. 103, 104 (ed. 1898).

Goodwin's Pilgrim Republic, p. 83.

Mourt's Relation, p. 44 ed. 1865, (Library of New Eng. Hist. Soc., Vol. 1).

See also Year Book of General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897-8.

Colorado Year Book, 1897.

Mass. Year Book, 1899.

LIEUT. JOHN WHIPPLE.

B. about 1617. D. May 16, 1685, Providence.

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

- a. Lieutenant. So called in 1666.
- b. Soldier in King Philip's War, 1675-76, and commanded an expedition into the Indian country. One of the defenders of Providence, who "staid and went not away," when the town was attacked by the Indians.
- c. Deputy for Providence to the General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1666, 1674, 1676.

Authority.

- a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 150.
Peirce's Colonial Lists, p. 143.
- b. Early Records of the Town of Providence:
Vol. 8, p. 12, Vol. 15, p. v. Preface.
Staple's Annals of Providence, p. 165.
- c. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, pp. 150, 516, 542.
Staple's Annals of Providence, pp. 645, 646.
Early Records of the Town of Providence:
Vol. 3, p. 85, Vol. 4, p. 1, Vol. 8, p. 11.

See also Year Books of

General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897-98.

Colorado Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

Illinois Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars, 1899.

Note.—Most references to the Colonial Records of Lt. John Whipple name more years of service than are here given. The mistake has arisen from confusing John Whipple, sen., with John Whipple, jr. See Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vols. 3, 4, 8, where the characteristics of "Sen." and "Jr." are appended.

CAPT. NATHANIEL WHITE.

B. 1629. D. Aug. 27, 1711, Middletown.

Citizen and original proprietor of Middletown, Ct.

- a. Ensign. So called from 1668–1677.
- b. Served in King Philip's War as ensign, 1675–76.
- c. Lieutenant, May 10, 1677.
- d. Captain. Confirmed captain of Middletown Train Band, Oct. 9, 1690. Again confirmed captain of the company at north end of the town, Oct. 12, 1699. (Note. "May, 1702, this was esteemed the 1st Co. of said town.")
- e. Deputy to the General Court of Conn., 1659, 1661–1710 (50 years). No court was held in 1688 under Sir Edmund Andros's administration.
- f. Commissioner for Middletown, 1669, 1670, 1672–76, 1678–87, 1690–97 (25 years). He served during some of these years for the towns of Haddam and Meriden.
- g. Justice of the Peace for Hartford County, 1698, 1701—May, 1711.

Authority.

Connecticut Colonial Records—

- a. Vol. 2, pp. 82, 105, 126, 147, 169, 192, 274, 300.
- b. Vol. 2, p. 374.
- c. Vol. 2, p. 304.
- d. Vol. 4, pp. 35, 303.
- e. Vol. 1, pp. 340, 365, 379, 399, 425.
Vol. 2, pp. 14, 31, 58, 82, 105, 126, 147, 169, 192, 221, 249, 274, 300.
Vol. 3, pp. 2, 26, 48, 75, 97, 115, 139, 181, 194, 227, 251.
Vol. 4, pp. 23, 42, 65, 92, 121, 138, 158, 197, 265, 283, 319, 343, 372, 407, 461, 498, 531.

Vol. 5, pp. 17, 41, 90, 141, 163.

f. Vol. 2, pp. 106, 131, 170, 192, 221, 250, 275.

Vol. 3, pp. 5, 26, 49, 76, 97, 115, 140, 169, 195,
230.

Vol. 4, pp. 24, 43, 66, 92, 121, 139, 158, 201, 260,
347, 378, 413, 467, 499, 532.

Vol. 5, pp. 20, 62, 94, 144, 218.

See also Memorial History of Hartford, Vol. 1, p. 179.

Year Book of General Society of Colonial Wars,
1896, 1897-8.

COLONIAL RECORDS

ELIGIBLE IN THE

General Society of Colonial Wars

AND IN THE

**MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND
OTHER STATE SOCIETIES**

(Accepted in these Societies, as noted).

COLONIAL RECORDS.

THOMAS ANGELL.

B. about 1618, Eng. D. 1694, Providence.
Citizen of Providence, R. I.

- a. A founder of Rhode Island, being one of the five who accompanied Roger Williams to Providence, 1636.
- b. Signed the first compact of Providence Plantations, Aug. 20, 1637.
- c. Commissioner for Providence to the General Court of Commissioners, 1652, 1653.

Authority.

- a. Arnold's History of Rhode Island, Vol. 1, p. 97.
- b. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 14.
- c. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 250, 267.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897-98.

Massachusetts Society of Colonial Wars, 1899.

CAPT. JOHN BUTLER, SEN.

B. ——. D. July, 1658, Edgartown.

Citizen of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

- a. Captain of Militia at Edgartown, 1654, 1655.

Authority.

- a. Edgartown Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 122.
"June 6, 1654, chosen by ye town, John Butler to be leader of ye company for this year."
1650. John Butler chosen in this year.

See also Register of the N. H. Soc. of Colonial Dames of America (1898), p. 54.

CAPT. JOHN BUTLER, JR.

B. about 1652. D. between 1733–1738 (will dated Nov. 10, 1733, proved Oct. 3, 1738).

Citizen of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

a. Captain of Militia at Edgartown? * 1692.

Authority.

a. "Map of Martha's Vineyard, 1692."

A document at the Boston State House in a volume called "Maps and Plans," Vol 3, p. 23.

See New Eng. Hist. Gen. Reg., Vol. 48, p. 469.

JOHN DAGGETT.

B.——. D. May, 1673, at Plymouth.

Citizen of Watertown, Rehoboth and Edgartown, Mass.

a. Deputy for Rehoboth to the Plymouth Colony Court, 1648.

b. Corporal of Edgartown, 1651.

c. Assistant at Edgartown, 1655, 1656.

Authority.

a. Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, p. 123.

b. Town Records of Edgartown, Vol. 1, p. 122.

c. Town Records of Edgartown, Vol. 1, pp. 119, 120.
Doggett-Daggett Genealogy, p. 76.

* The ? is on the original document at the State House. "The Military officers of the Company at Chilmark and Tisbury are, Capt. Benj. Skiff, Lieut. Isaac Chase, Insign John Manter. We propose as most fit at Edgartown, Mr. John Butler to be Captain, Mr. Thomas Doggett to be Lieut., Mr. Jacob Norton to be Insign, Mr. Joseph Norton to be Marshall."

Signed SIMON ATHEARN.

This communication is without date, but is addressed:—"To his Excellency, Sir W^m Phipps, Knight, Captain General and Governor of the Province of Mass. Bay."

As Phipps was governor from 1692 to 1695, and as Simon Athearn was deputy in 1692, evidently this communication was drawn in 1692, without question.

CAPT. THOMAS DAGGETT, SEN.

B. about 1630 (probably at Watertown). D. 1691,
at Edgartown, Mass.

Citizen of Marshfield, Middleboro' and Edgartown.

- a. Clerk of the Courts at Martha's Vineyard, May,
1668, Aug. and Sept., 1670, 1671.
- b. Lieutenant of militia at Edgartown before 1691.
- c. Captain of militia at Edgartown, April 13, 1691.

Authority.

- a. Edgartown Town Records, Vol. 1.
Plymouth Colony Town Records, Vol. 5, p. 33.
Doggett-Daggett Genealogy, p. 83.
- b. c. Town Records of Edgartown, Vol. 1, p. 38.
"April 13, 1691. At a meeting of all ye melisha in
general of ye town of Edgartown, Lieut. Thomas
Daggett, Esq., was chosen by yen their captain by
unanimous choice of them."

CAPT. THOMAS DAGGETT, JR.

B. about 1658. D. Aug. 23, 1726, Edgartown.

Citizen of Bristol, Mass. (now R. I.), and Edgartown, Mass.

- a. Lieutenant of militia at Martha's Vineyard, 1692
(so called in Land Transfers and Town Records
to 1699).
- b. Captain, 1700 (so called in Town Records from
1700—1719—20).

Authority.

- a. "Map of Martha's Vineyard, 1692?"
(See Colonial Records of Capt. John Butler, Jr.)
Edgartown Town Records, Vol. 1, pp. 296, 60;
Vol. 5, p. 156.
- b. Edgartown Town Records, Vol. 1, pp. 55, 62, 63,
103, 150.

See also Doggett-Daggett Genealogy, p. 88.

JOHN FIELD.

B. ——. D. 1686 (will probated March 22, 1686).
Citizen of Providence, R. I.

- a. One of the thirteen signers of the first written compact of the Providence Plantations, Aug. 20, 1637.
- b. Deputy for Providence to the General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1676.

Authority.

- a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 14.
 - b. Staple's Annals of Providence, p. 646.
Austin's Gen. Dict. of Rhode Island.
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ANDREW HARRIS.

B. 1635. D. May 1, 1686, Providence.
Citizen of Providence, R. I.

- a. Deputy for Providence to the General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1669, 1670, 1676.

Authority.

- a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, pp. 241, 301.
Staple's Annals of Providence, pp. 645, 646.
Austin's Gen. Dict. of Rhode Island.

EDMUND HAWES.

B. 1613. D. June 9, 1693, Yarmouth.

Citizen of Yarmouth, Mass.

a. Deputy for Yarmouth to Plymouth Colony Court,
1645 to 1649, 1651, 1653-61, 1665, 1674, 1675.

Authority.

a. Plymouth Colony Records:

Vol. 2, pp. 94, 104, 117, 123, 144, 168.

Vol. 3, pp. 32, 49, 79, 99, 115, 135, 170, 187, 214.

Vol. 4, p. 90.

Vol. 5, pp. 143, 165.

Peirce's Colonial Lists, pp. 14, 15.

CAPT. JOHN HAWES.

B. ——. D. Nov. 11, 1701, Yarmouth.

Citizen of Yarmouth, Mass.

a. Ensign of military company at Yarmouth, July 7,
1682.

b. Captain, later.

Authority.

a. Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 6, p. 97,

Peirce's Colonial Lists, p. 68.

b. Freeman's Cape Cod, Vol. 2, p. 206.

EDWARD INMAN.

B. —. D. 1706 (inventory Aug. 17).

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

- a. Commissioner for Providence to General Court of Commissioners, 1658.
- b. Deputy for Providence to the General Assembly of Rhode Island, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1672, 1674, 1676, 1677, 1678.

Authority.

- a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 366.
 - b. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, pp. 146, 220, 222, 449, 516;
Vol. 3, p. 3.
Staple's Annals of Providence, pp. 645, 646.
Austin's Gen. Dict. of Rhode Island.
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ELISHA KNOWLTON.

B. 1678-9. D. Oct. 20, 1757, Scituate.

Citizen of Ipswich, Mass.; Providence, Gloucester and Scituate, Rhode Island.

- a. Deputy for Providence to the General Assembly of R. I., 1719, 1721, 1724, 1726, 1728, 1729.
Deputy for Gloucester, 1731, 1733.
- b. Lieutenant of Militia. So called in 1721, 1724.

Authority.

- a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, pp. 246, 301, 345, 374, 419;
Vol. 4, pp. 449, 480.
Staple's Annals of Providence, pp. 648, 649.
- b. Knowlton Genealogy, p. 42.
R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, pp. 301, 345.

ROGER MOWRY.

B. ——. D. Jan. 5, 1666, Providence.

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

a. Commissioner for Providence to the General Court of Commissioners, 1658.

Authority.

a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 394.

Note.—A tradition of the Mowry family makes him a cousin or kinsman of Roger Williams. The fact that they lived successively in the same towns of Plymouth, Salem and Providence, with the coincidence of Christian names, is called a corroboration of this tradition.

WALTER PALMER.

B. 1585. D. Nov. 10, 1661.

Citizen of Charlestown, Rehoboth, Mass., and Stonington, Conn.

a. Deputy for Rehoboth to Plymouth Colony Court, 1645, 1647.

Authority.

a. Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pp. 94, 117.

Peirce's Colonial Lists, p. 27.

Baylie's Memoir of New Plymouth, Vol. 2, pp. 10, 11.

See also Year Book of the General Society of Colonial Wars, 1897-98.

JOHN SMITH.

B. ——. D. 1682, Providence.

(Will Dated Feb. 22, 1682; proved June 2, 1682.)

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

a. Ensign, Nov. 8, 1654.

b. Named in Royal Charter of King Charles II., 1663.

c. Deputy for Providence to General Assembly of R. I., 1666, 1672.

Authority.

a. Early Records of the Town of Providence, Vol. 2, p. 77.

b. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 3.

c. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 139.

Staple's Annals of Providence, p. 645.

Austin's Gen. Dict. R. I.

Note.—He was town clerk from 1672–1676. During King Philip's War his house was burned by the Indians. The town records were thrown into a mill pond and, later, taken out uninjured.

EDWARD SMITH, JR.

B. ——. D. Nov. 9, 1726, Providence.

Citizen of Providence, R. I.

a. Deputy for Providence to General Assembly of R. I., 1716, 1717.

Authority.

a. R. I. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, pp. 203, 216.

Staple's Annals of Providence, p. 648.

SERGT. SAMUEL STOCKING.

B. ——. D. Dec. 3, 1683.

Citizen of Hartford, Middletown, Conn.

- a. Deputy for Middletown to the General Court of Conn., 1665, 1669, 1674.
- b. Sergeant of Middletown Train Band, May 10, 1677.

Authority.

- a. Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, pp. 14, 105, 236.
- b. Conn. Col. Rec., Vol. 2, p. 304.

See also Memorial History of Hartford, Vol. 1, p. 262.

JOHN STOWE.

B. ——. D. Oct. 26, 1643, Roxbury.

Citizen of Roxbury, Mass.

- a. Member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1638.
- b. Deputy for Roxbury to Mass. General Court, 1639, May, September.

Authority.

- a. Roberts's History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Vol. 1, p. 79.
- b. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 1, pp. 255, 271.

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Illinois Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

THOMAS STOWE.

B. ——. D. 1684 (inventory, Feb. 23, 1684).

Citizen of Braintree, Concord, Mass.; Middletown, Ct.

a. Member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1638.

Authority.

a. Roberts's History of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Vol. 1, p. 79.

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Illinois Society of Colonial Wars, 1897.

JOHN WHITE.

B. ——. D. January, 1683-4, Hartford.

Citizen of Cambridge, Mass.; Hartford, Conn.; and Hadley, Mass.

a. Deputy for Hadley to Massachusetts Great and General Court, 1664, 1669.

Authority.

a. Mass. Col. Rec., Vol. 4, Pt. 2, pp. 117, 418.

Memorial History of Hartford, Vol. 1, p. 268.

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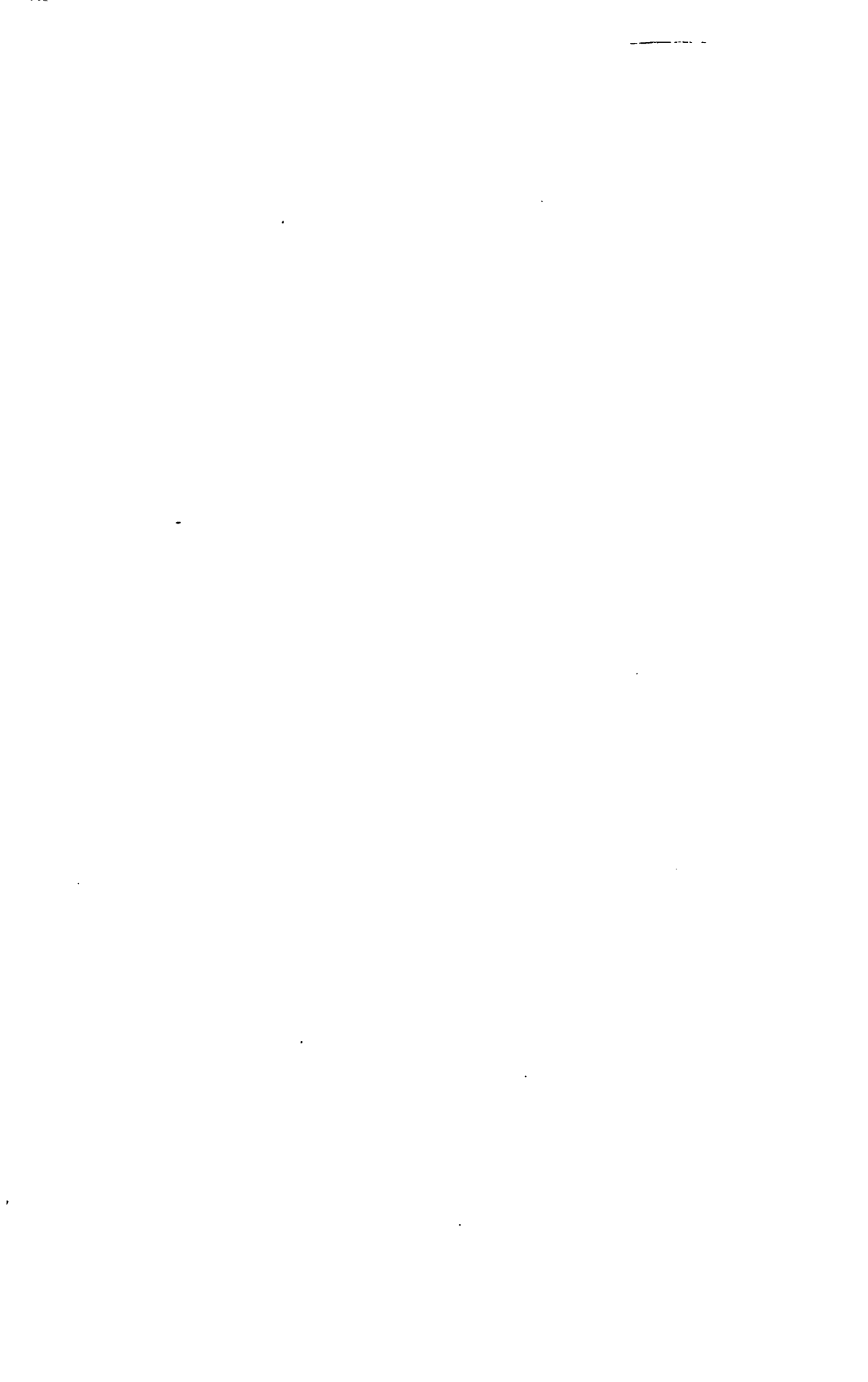
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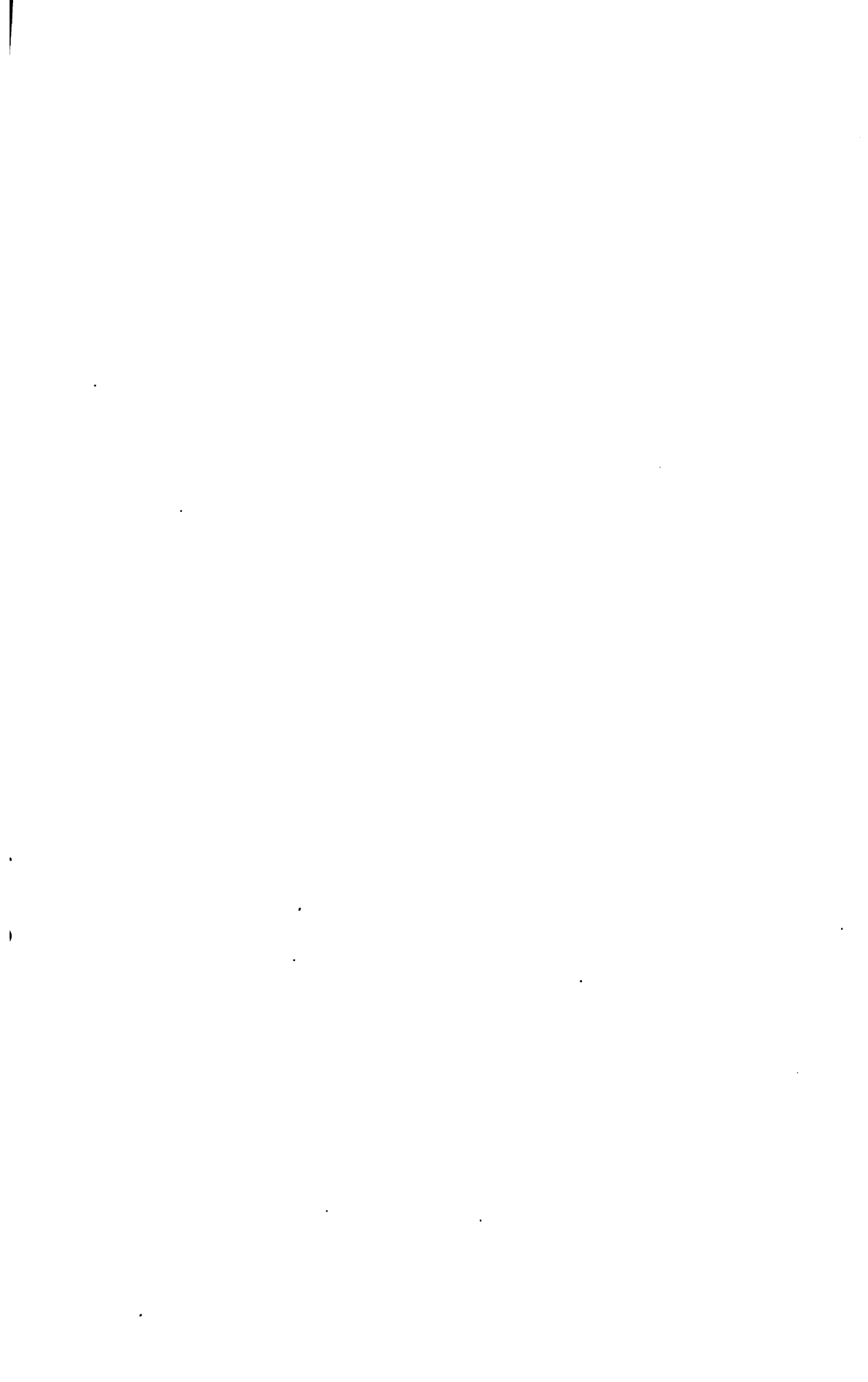
ERRATA.

PAGE 41.—Name at end of will should be Jonas, not John.

“ 45.—Put No. 41 for No. 37, Jonathan bapt. Dec. 14, 1674.

“ 139.—No. 399 should be Jerusha.

“ 151.—Stafford, not Safford.



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